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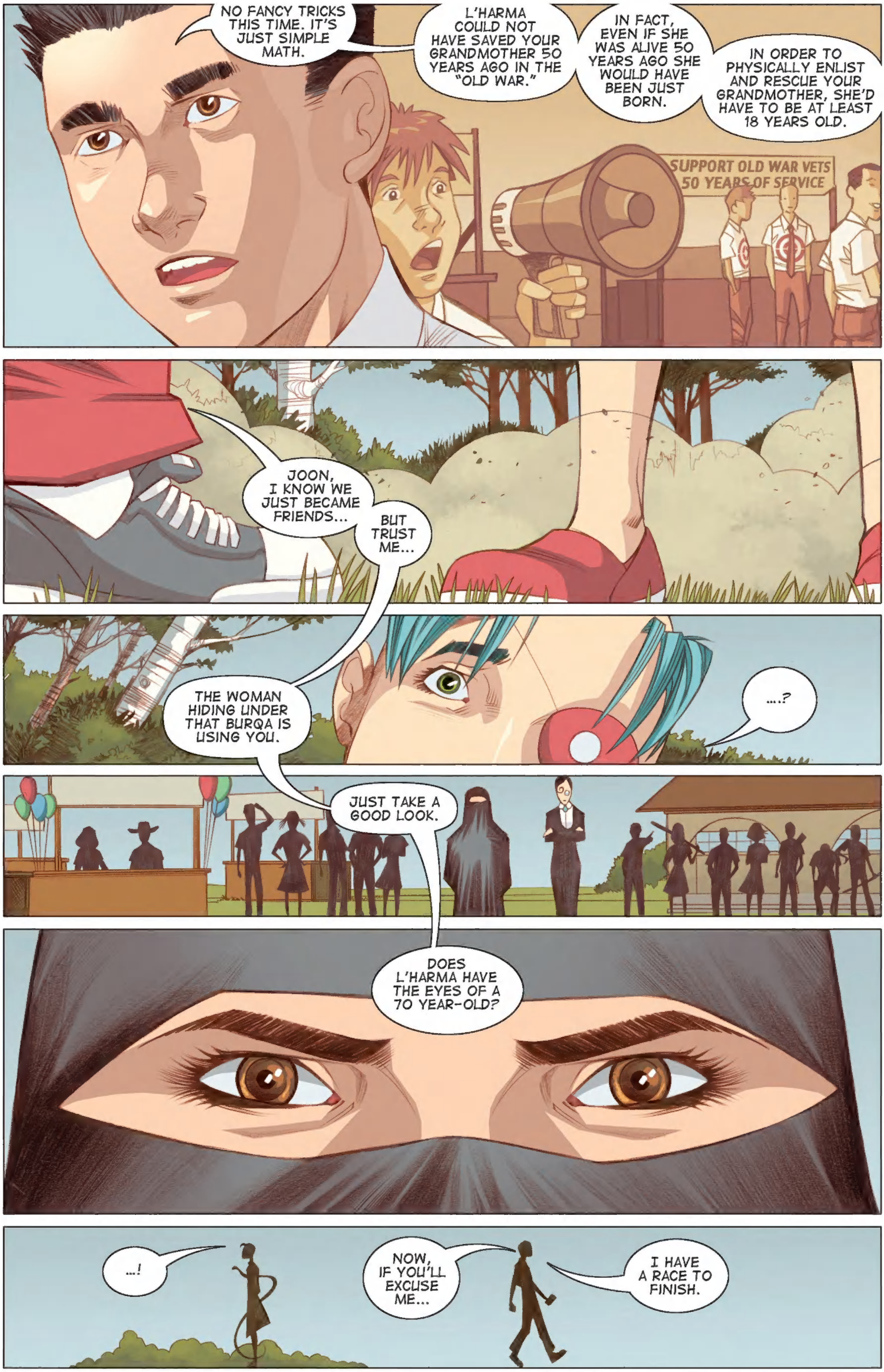
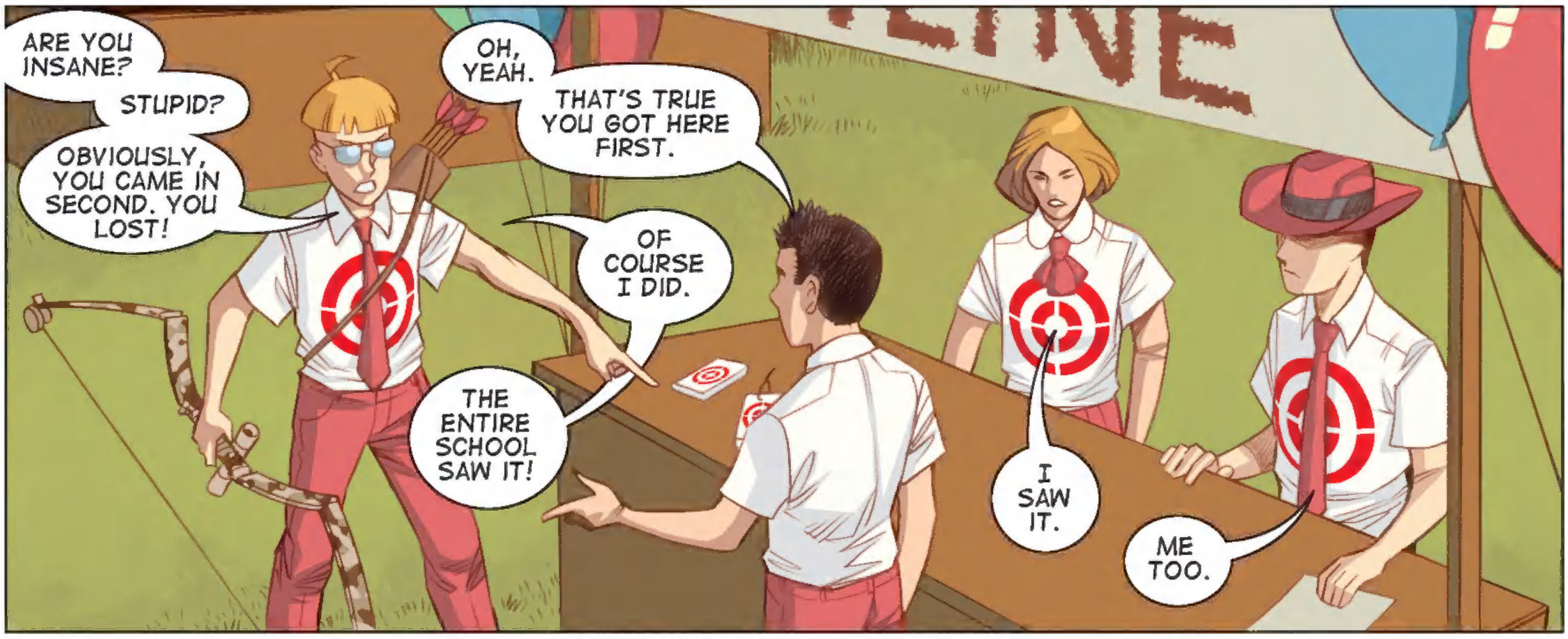
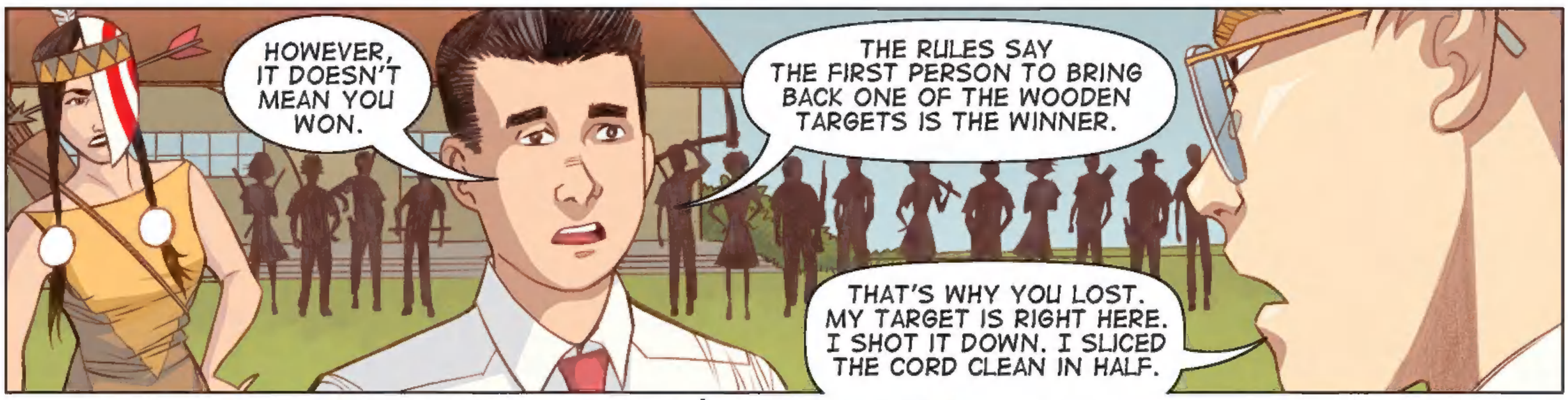
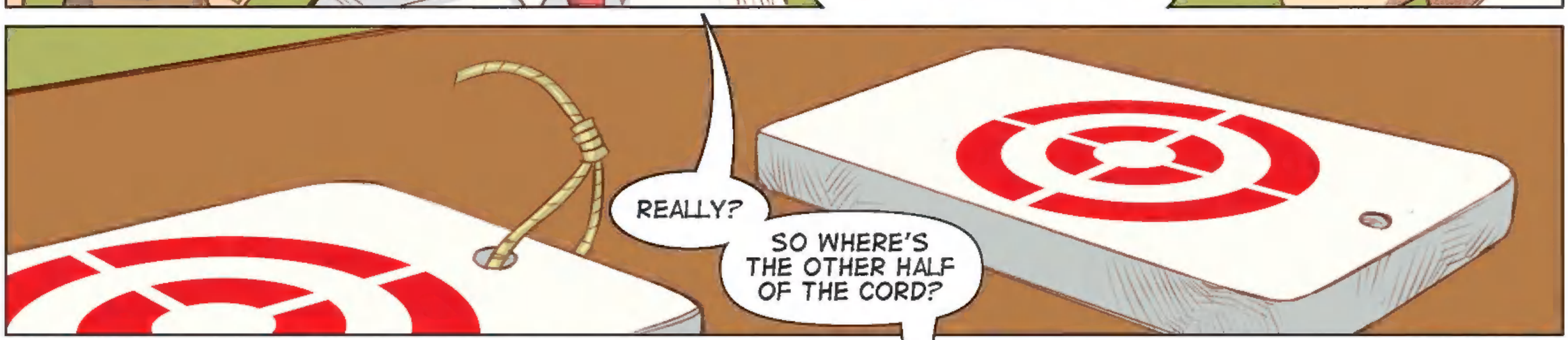
JOON, YOU'VE BEEN HAD.
I'M NOT YOUR ENEMY.
YOU SHOULD AIM YOUR SKILLS AGAINST YOUR TEACHER.
L'HARMA IS FOOLING YOU AND I CAN PROVE IT.
WAIT!
WHAT?
CHARLIE, HOLD ON!
YOU GOT 30 SECONDS TO PROVE WHAT YOU JUST SAID...
OR...
I'M LETTING CHARLIE GO.

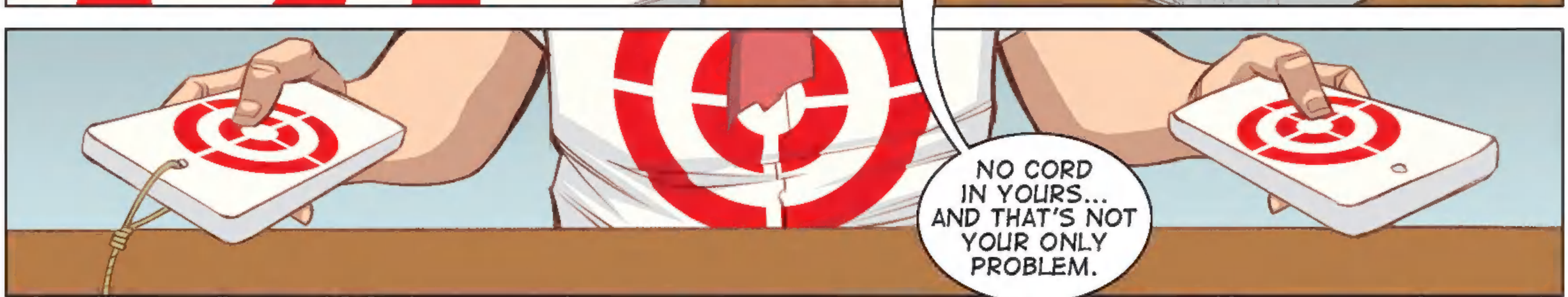

NO FANCY TRICKS THIS TIME. IT'S JUST SIMPLE MATH.
L'HARMA COULD NOT HAVE SAVED YOUR GRANDMOTHER 50 YEARS AGO IN THE "OLD WAR."
IN FACT, EVEN IF SHE WAS ALIVE 50 YEARS AGO SHE WOULD HAVE BEEN JUST BORN.
IN ORDER TO PHYSICALLY ENLIST AND RESCUE YOUR GRANDMOTHER, SHE'D HAVE TO BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD.
SUPPORT OLD WAR VETS
50 YEARS OF SERVICE
JOON, I KNOW WE JUST BECAME FRIENDS...
BUT TRUST ME...
THE WOMAN HIDING UNDER THAT BURQA IS USING YOU.
....?
JUST TAKE A GOOD LOOK.
DOES L'HARMA HAVE THE EYES OF A 70 YEAR-OLD?
...!
NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME...
I HAVE A RACE TO FINISH.

I WIN!
KLAK!


ARE YOU INSANE?
STUPID?
OBVIOUSLY, YOU CAME IN SECOND. YOU LOST!
OH, YEAH.
THAT'S TRUE YOU GOT HERE FIRST.
OF COURSE I DID.
THE ENTIRE SCHOOL SAW IT!
I SAW IT.
ME TOO.

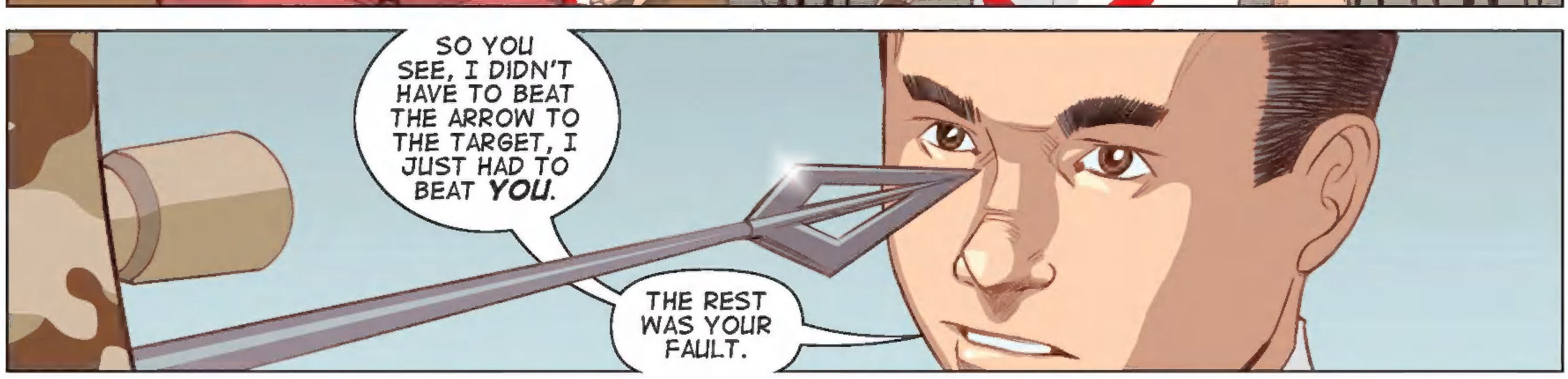

HOWEVER, IT DOESN'T MEAN YOU WON.
THE RULES SAY THE FIRST PERSON TO BRING BACK ONE OF THE WOODEN TARGETS IS THE WINNER.
THAT'S WHY YOU LOST. MY TARGET IS RIGHT HERE. I SHOT IT DOWN. I SLICED THE CORD CLEAN IN HALF.


REALLY?
SO WHERE'S THE OTHER HALF OF THE CORD?

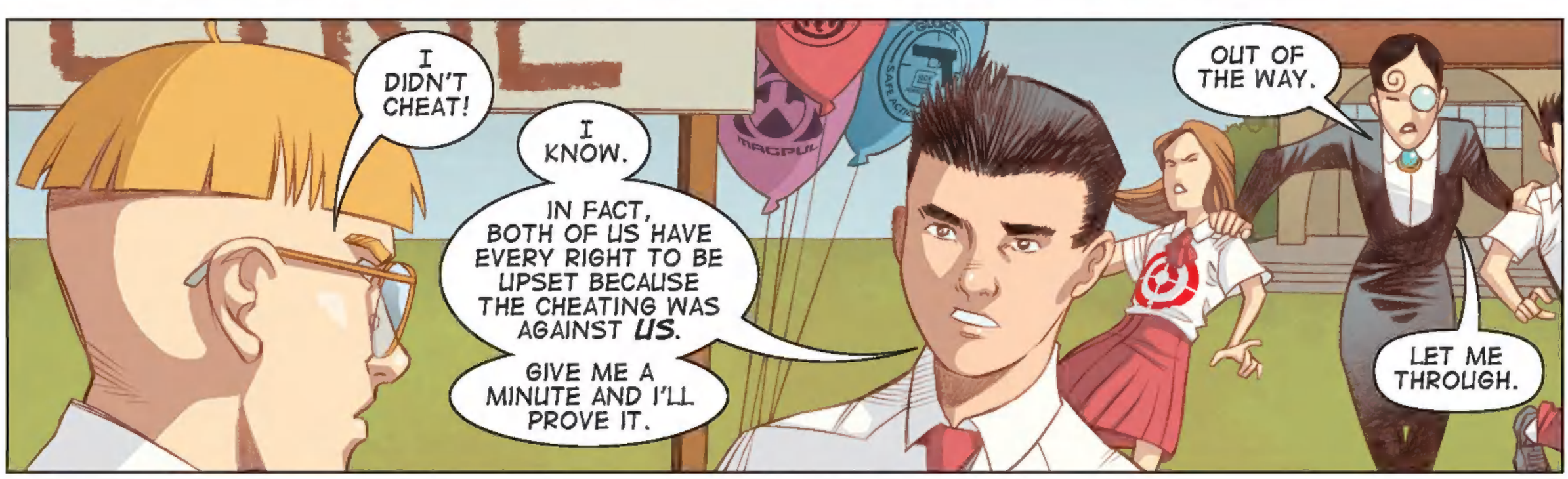

NO CORD IN YOURS... AND THAT'S NOT YOUR ONLY PROBLEM.

YOUR TARGET IS FAKE.
KRAUK!

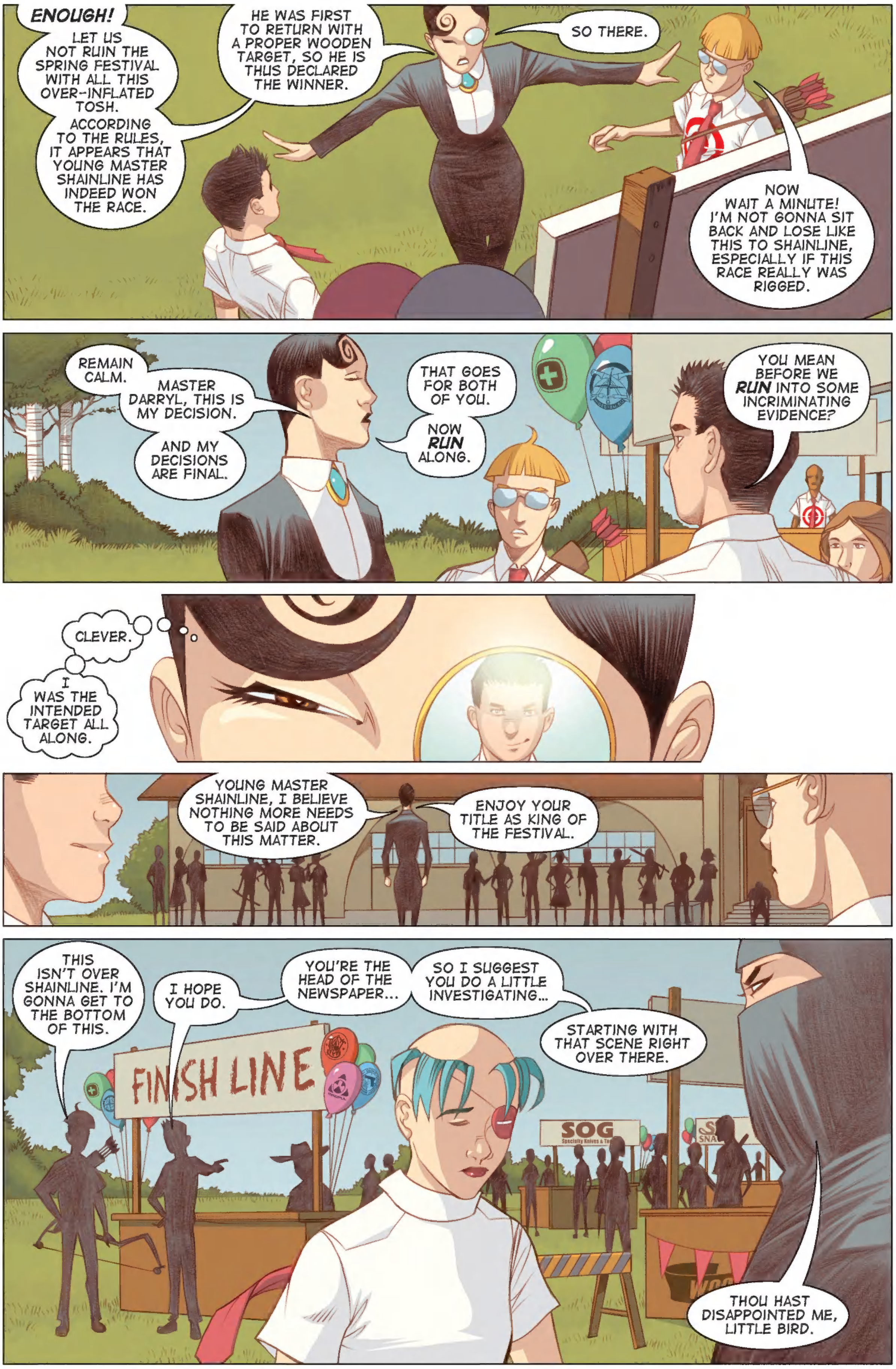
YOU CHEATED!
YOU SWITCHED IT!
I PUT IT THERE LAST NIGHT. YOU JUST ASSUMED IT WAS YOURS.
IT'S JUST LIKE THE STORY OF THE TORTOISE AND THE HARE.
YOU HELD BACK BECAUSE YOU WERE CONFIDENT TO HIT THE TARGET AT SUCH A LONG RANGE.
YOU EVEN BRAGGED ABOUT IT. BUT AT THAT DISTANCE YOU CAN'T SEE WHERE THE TARGET FALLS INTO THE GRASS.
Targets

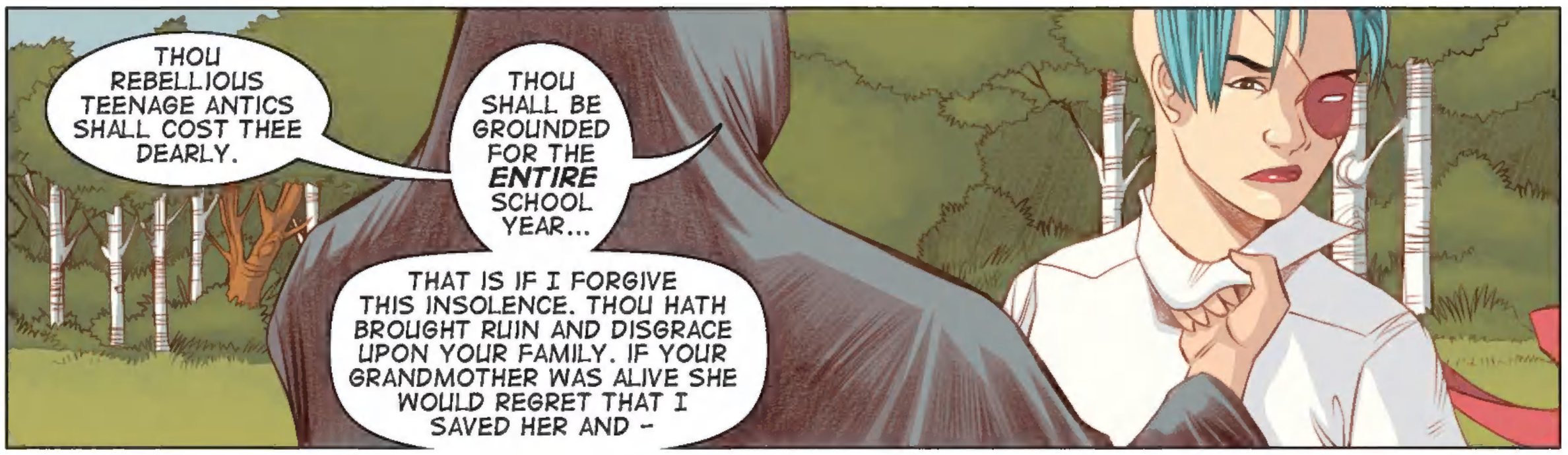

SO YOU SEE, I DIDN'T HAVE TO BEAT THE ARROW TO THE TARGET, I JUST HAD TO BEAT YOU.
THE REST WAS YOUR FAULT.

IT'S STILL CHEATING!
YOU HAVE A POINT.
BUT I WAS FORCED TO DO IT...
...JUST TO COMPETE WITH ALL THE OTHER CHEATING GOING ON.

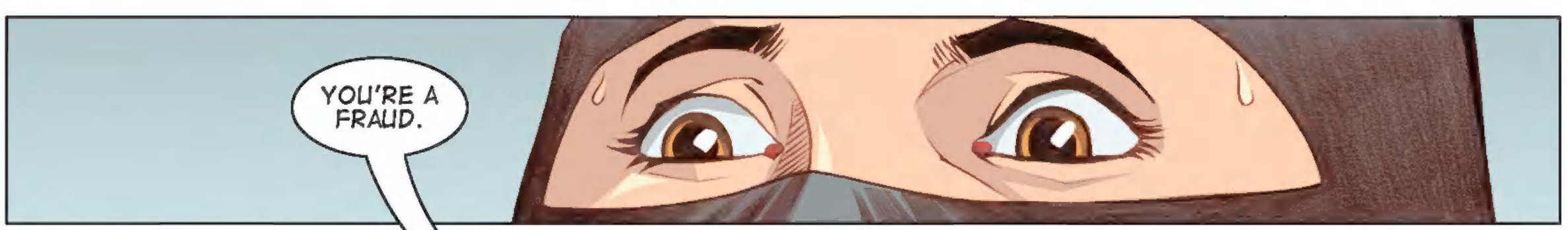

I DIDN'T CHEAT!
I KNOW.
IN FACT, BOTH OF US HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO BE UPSET BECAUSE THE CHEATING WAS AGAINST US.
GIVE ME A MINUTE AND I'LL PROVE IT.
OUT OF THE WAY.
LET ME THROUGH.

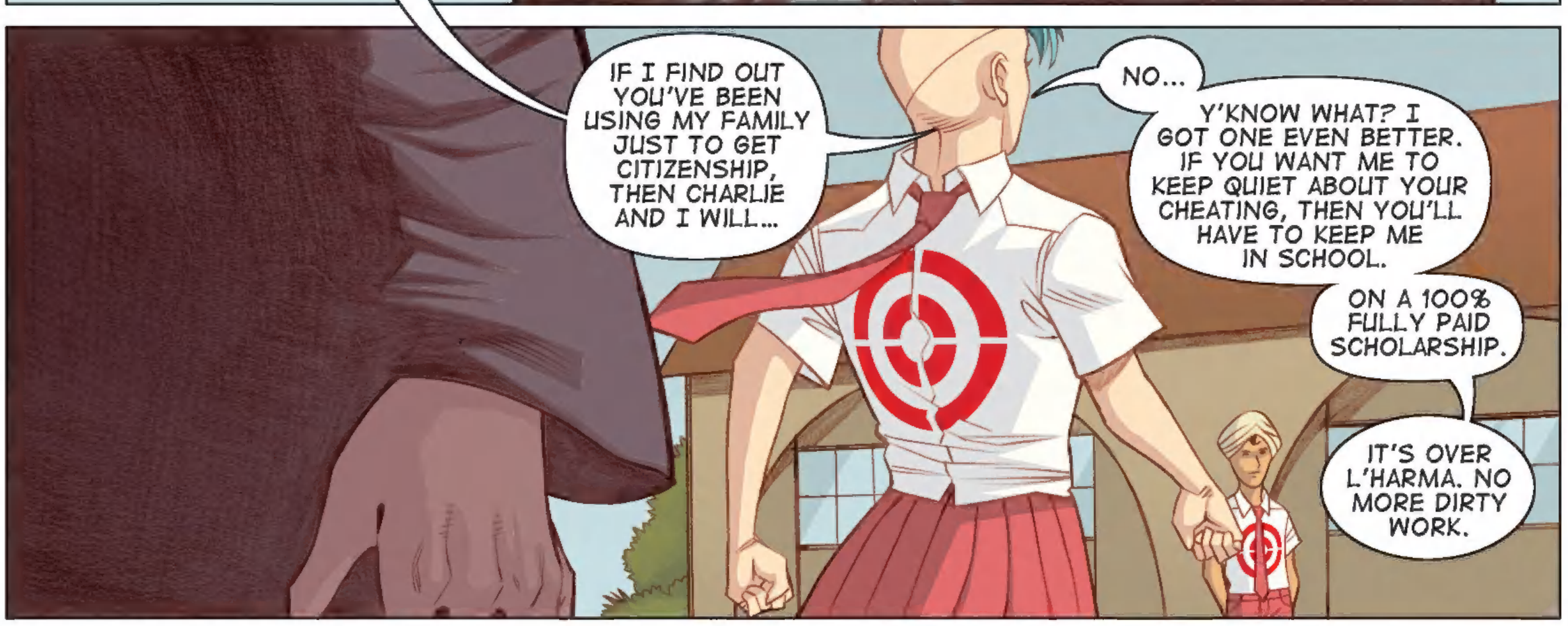
LOOK AT THE OTHER CONTESTANTS. THIS WAS NEVER FAIR IN THE FIRST PLACE.
NOTICE HOW THEY ALL GOT SICK AT THE SAME TIME? THEY HAD TO BE POISONED JUST BEFORE THE RACE.
THIS WHOLE EVENT WAS RIGGED.
AS A JOURNALIST, I ADMIT THIS LOOKS VERY SUSPICIOUS. THIS SMELLS LIKE A BIG STORY.

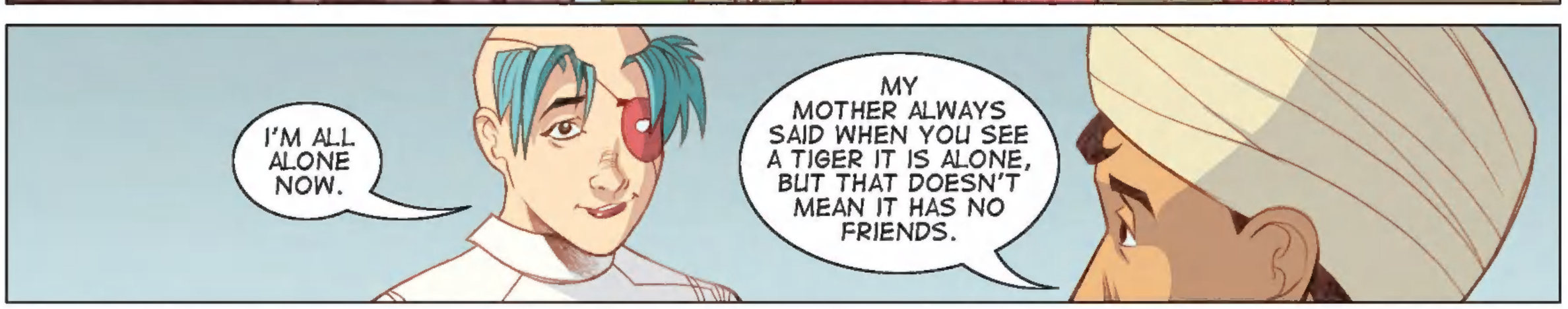

ENOUGH!
LET US NOT RUIN THE SPRING FESTIVAL WITH ALL THIS OVER-INFLATED TOSH.
ACCORDING TO THE RULES, IT APPEARS THAT YOUNG MASTER SHAINLINE HAS INDEED WON THE RACE.
HE WAS FIRST TO RETURN WITH A PROPER WOODEN TARGET, SO HE IS THUS DECLARED THE WINNER.
SO THERE.
NOW WAIT A MINUTE! I'M NOT GONNA SIT BACK AND LOSE LIKE THIS TO SHAINLINE, ESPECIALLY IF THIS RACE REALLY WAS RIGGED.
REMAIN CALM.
MASTER DARRYL, THIS IS MY DECISION.
AND MY DECISIONS ARE FINAL.
THAT GOES FOR BOTH OF YOU.
NOW RUN ALONG.
YOU MEAN BEFORE WE RUN INTO SOME INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE?
CLEVER.
I WAS THE INTENDED TARGET ALL ALONG.
YOUNG MASTER SHAINLINE, I BELIEVE NOTHING MORE NEEDS TO BE SAID ABOUT THIS MATTER.
ENJOY YOUR TITLE AS KING OF THE FESTIVAL.
THIS ISN'T OVER SHAINLINE. I'M GONNA GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS.
I HOPE YOU DO.
YOU'RE THE HEAD OF THE NEWSPAPER...
SO I SUGGEST YOU DO A LITTLE INVESTIGATING...
STARTING WITH THAT SCENE RIGHT OVER THERE.
FINISH LINE
SOG
THOU HAST DISAPPOINTED ME, LITTLE BIRD.


THOU REBELLIOUS TEENAGE ANTICS SHALL COST THEE DEARLY.
THOU SHALL BE GROUNDED FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR...
THAT IS IF I FORGIVE THIS INSOLENCE. THOU HATH BROUGHT RUIN AND DISGRACE UPON YOUR FAMILY. IF YOUR GRANDMOTHER WAS ALIVE SHE WOULD REGRET THAT I SAVED HER AND -

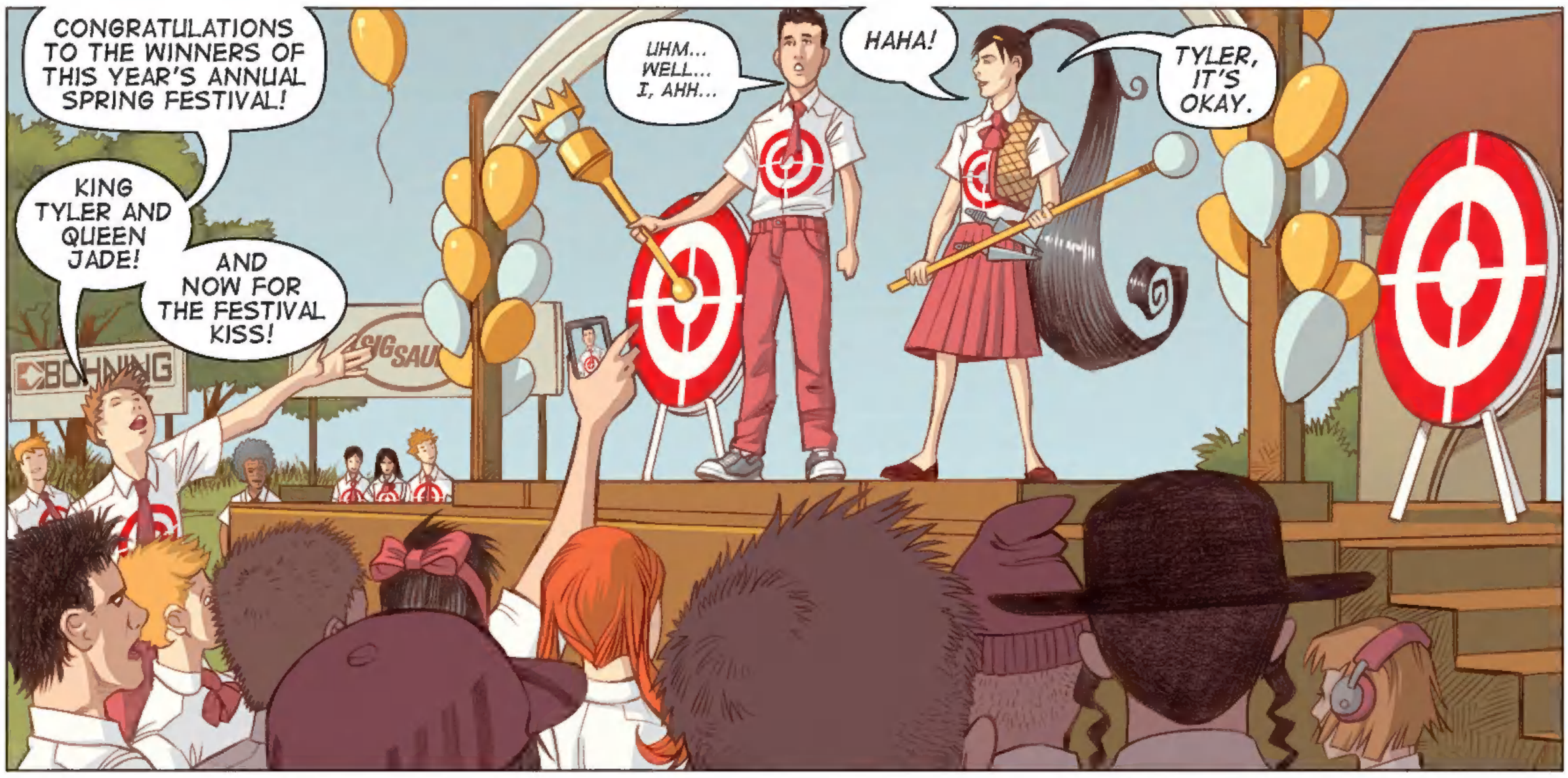
SLAP!

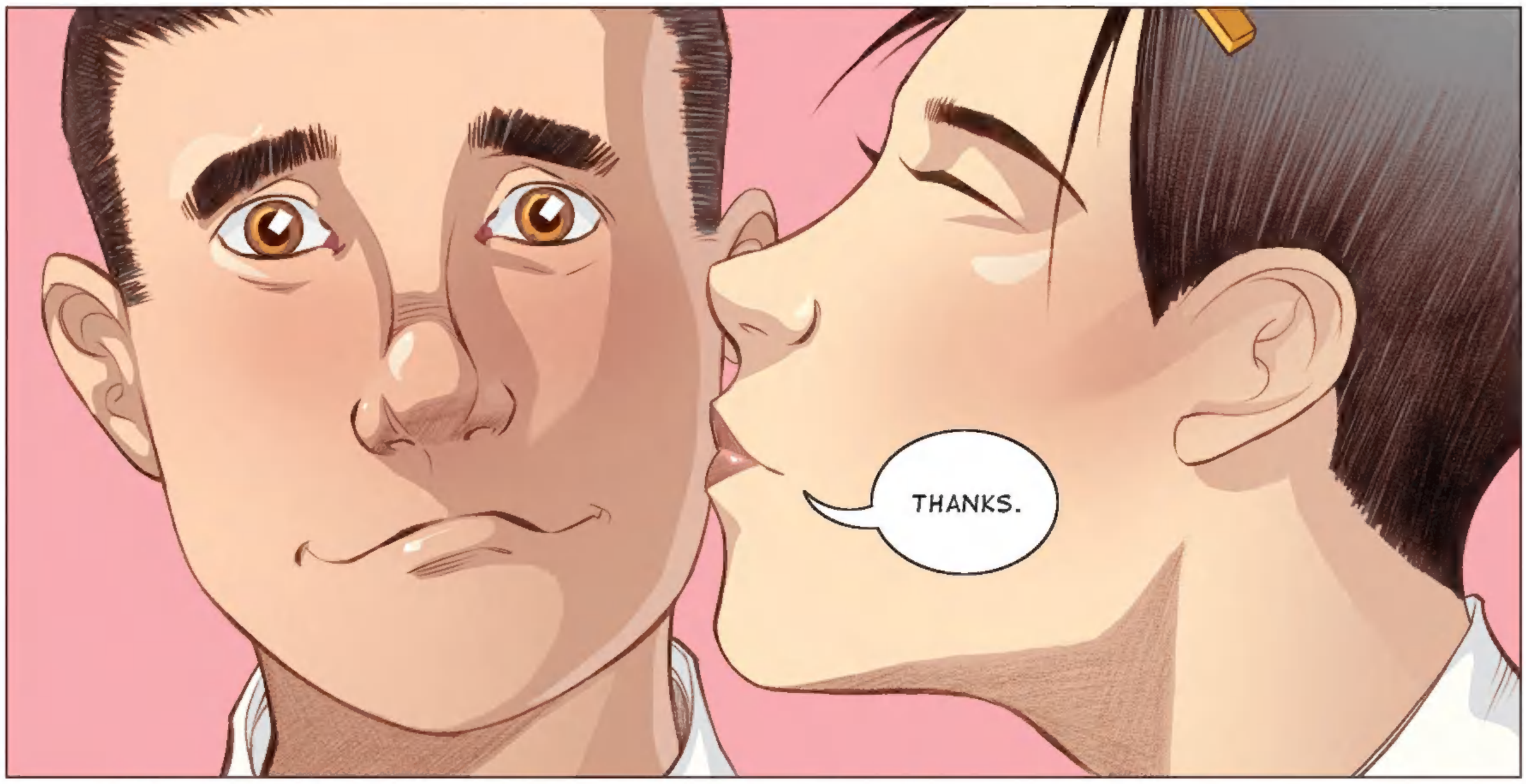


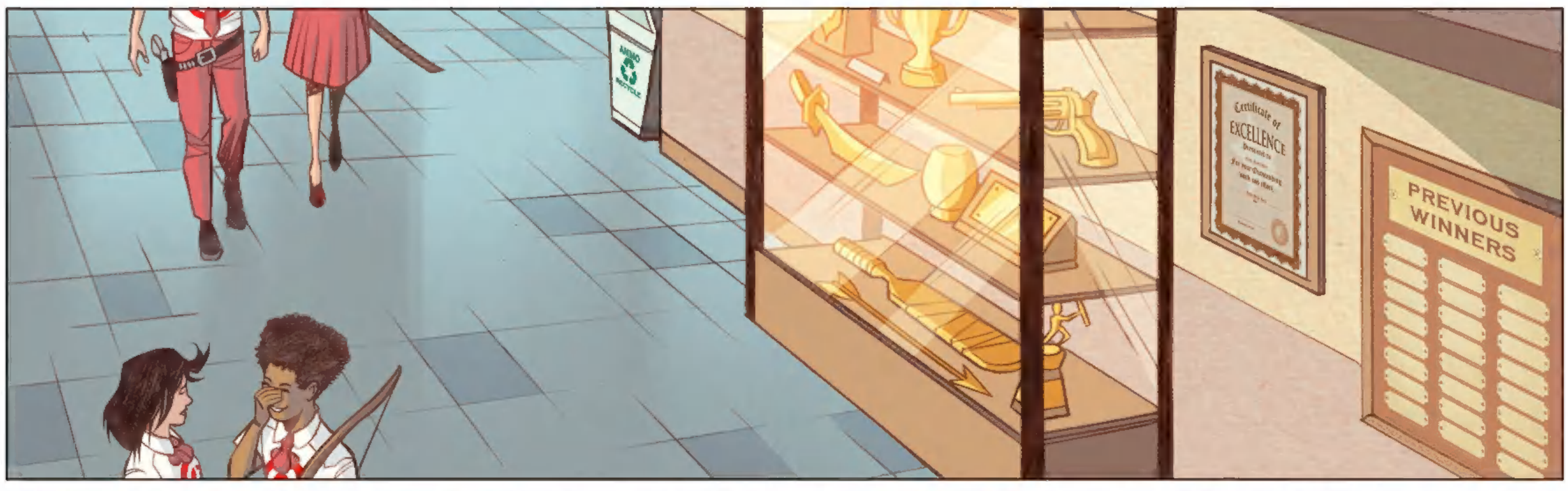

YOU'RE A FRAUD.
IF I FIND OUT YOU'VE BEEN USING MY FAMILY JUST TO GET CITIZENSHIP, THEN CHARLIE AND I WILL...
NO...
Y'KNOW WHAT? I GOT ONE EVEN BETTER. IF YOU WANT ME TO KEEP QUIET ABOUT YOUR CHEATING, THEN YOU'LL HAVE TO KEEP ME IN SCHOOL.
ON A 100% FULLY PAID SCHOLARSHIP.
IT'S OVER L'HARMA. NO MORE DIRTY WORK.


I'M ALL ALONE NOW.
MY MOTHER ALWAYS SAID WHEN YOU SEE A TIGER IT IS ALONE, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN IT HAS NO FRIENDS.

RAWR!


CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL!
KING TYLER AND QUEEN JADE!
AND NOW FOR THE FESTIVAL KISS!
UHM... WELL... I, AHH...
HAHA!
TYLER, IT'S OKAY.


THANKS.


Certificate of EXCELLENCE
PREVIOUS WINNERS

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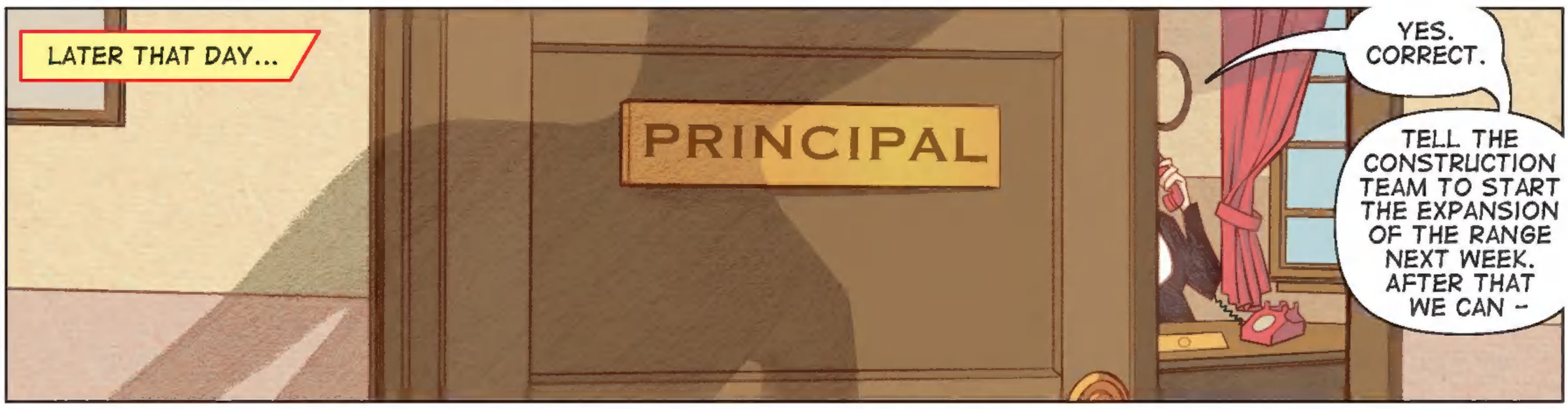
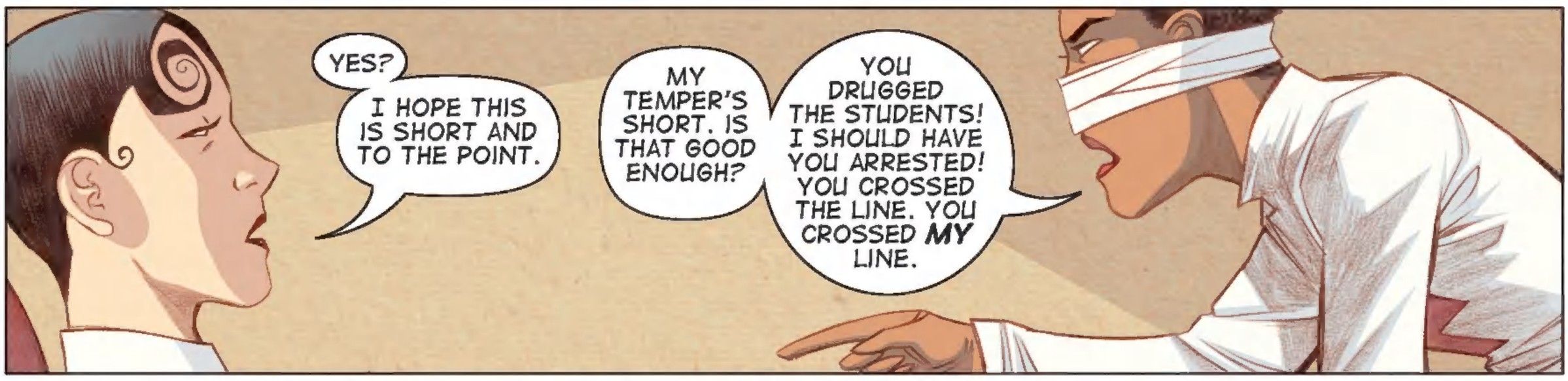
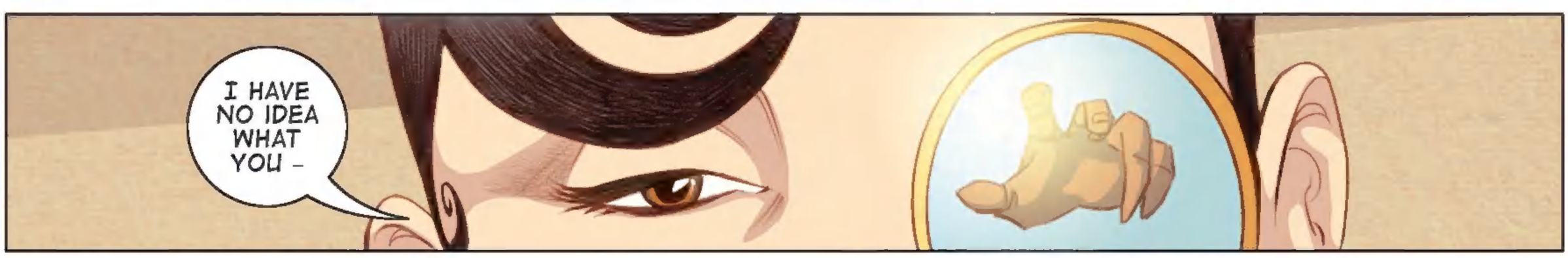
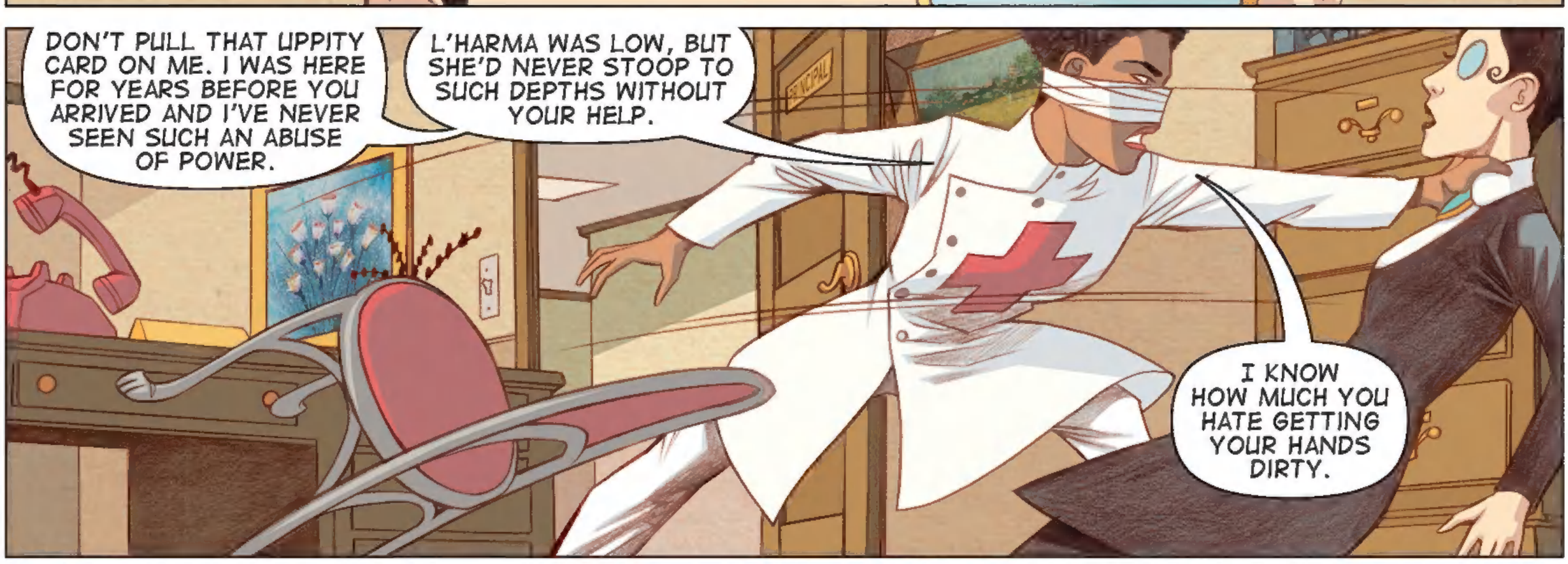
TYLER SHAINLINE
ANNUAL KING
JADE THE BLADE
ANNUAL QUEEN


LATER THAT DAY...
PRINCIPAL
YES. CORRECT.
TELL THE CONSTRUCTION TEAM TO START THE EXPANSION OF THE RANGE NEXT WEEK. AFTER THAT WE CAN –

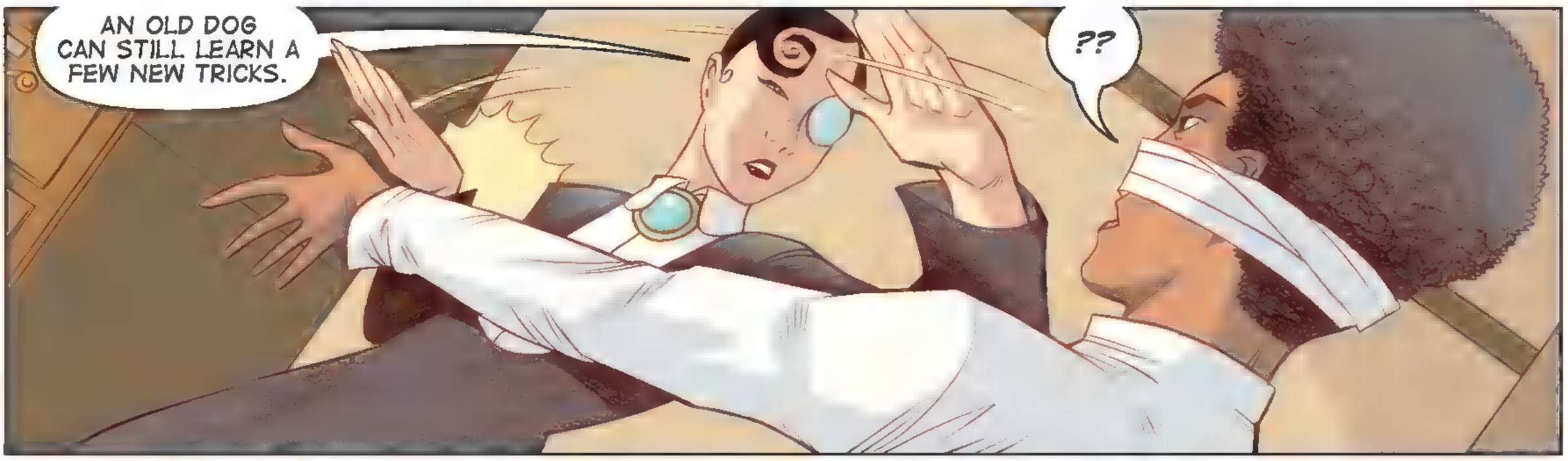
O!
OFF THE PHONE. NOW!
WE HAVE TO TALK.
PRINCIPAL
I AM QUITE SORRY, BUT AN URGENT MATTER HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION.
SLAM!
I WILL CALL YOU LATER.
SIGH...


YES?
I HOPE THIS IS SHORT AND TO THE POINT.
MY TEMPER'S SHORT. IS THAT GOOD ENOUGH?
YOU DRUGGED THE STUDENTS! I SHOULD HAVE YOU ARRESTED! YOU CROSSED THE LINE. YOU CROSSED MY LINE.


I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU –


DON'T PULL THAT UPPITY CARD ON ME. I WAS HERE FOR YEARS BEFORE YOU ARRIVED AND I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH AN ABUSE OF POWER.
L'HARMA WAS LOW, BUT SHE'D NEVER STOOP TO SUCH DEPTHS WITHOUT YOUR HELP.
I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU HATE GETTING YOUR HANDS DIRTY.

THAT WAS MY OLD STYLE.
YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED BY HOW MUCH I HAVE CHANGED.
TRY ME.


AN OLD DOG CAN STILL LEARN A FEW NEW TRICKS.
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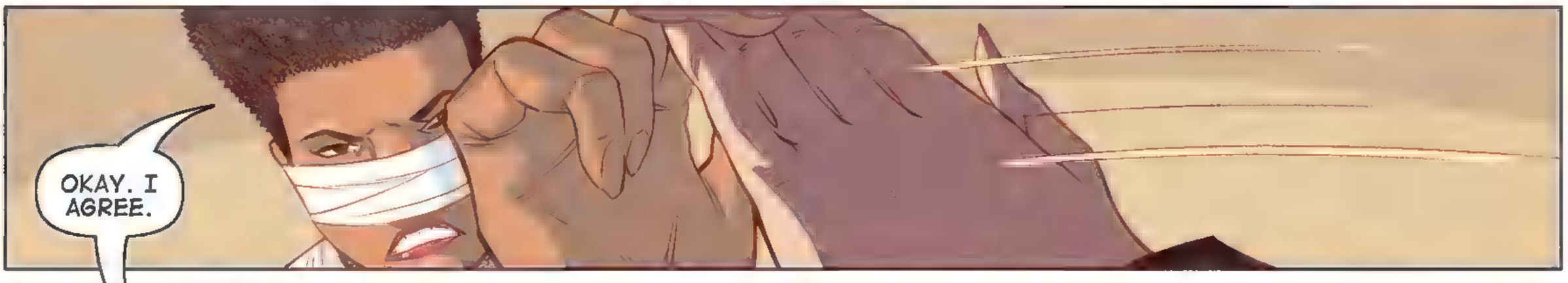
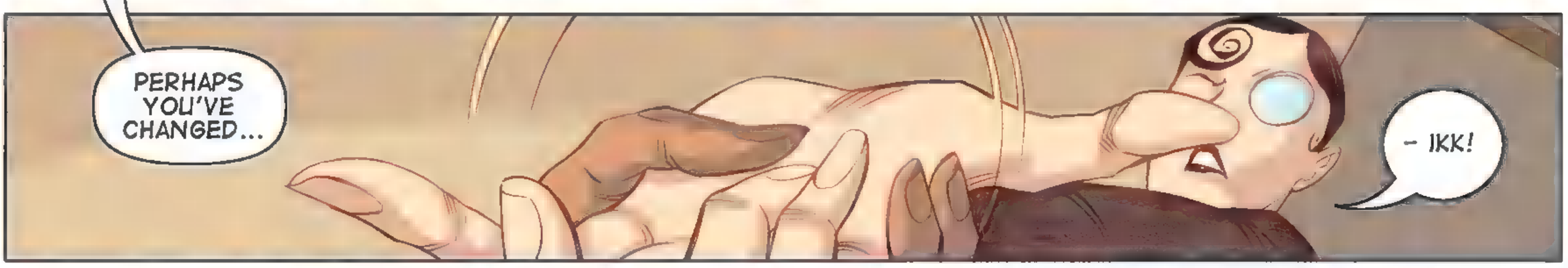
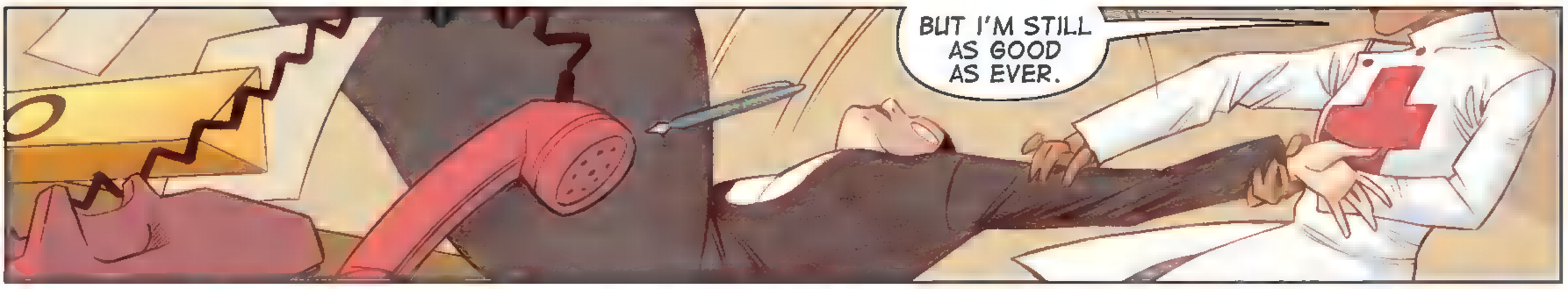

OKAY. I AGREE.


PERHAPS YOU'VE CHANGED...
– IKK!

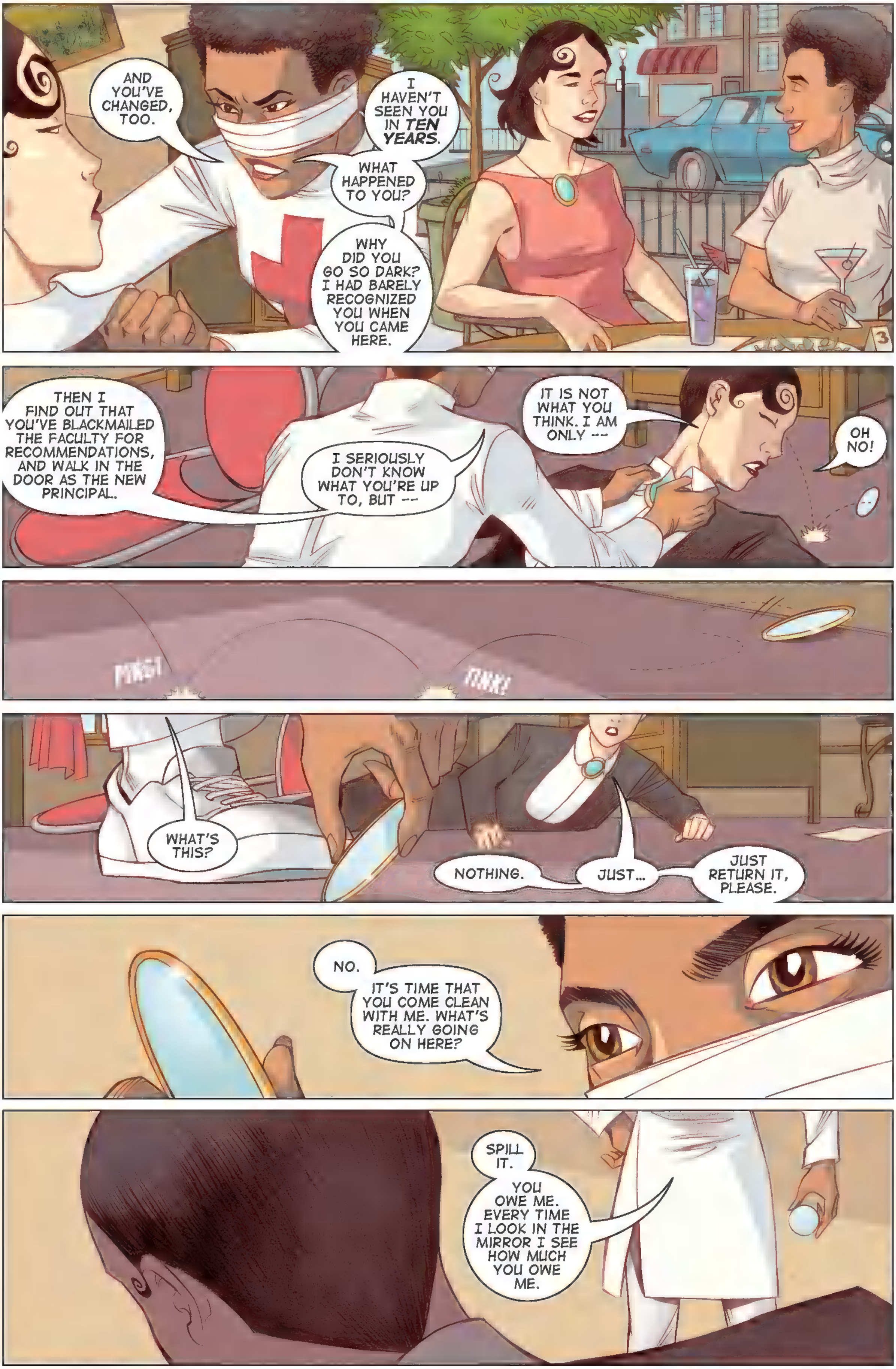

BUT I'M STILL AS GOOD AS EVER.

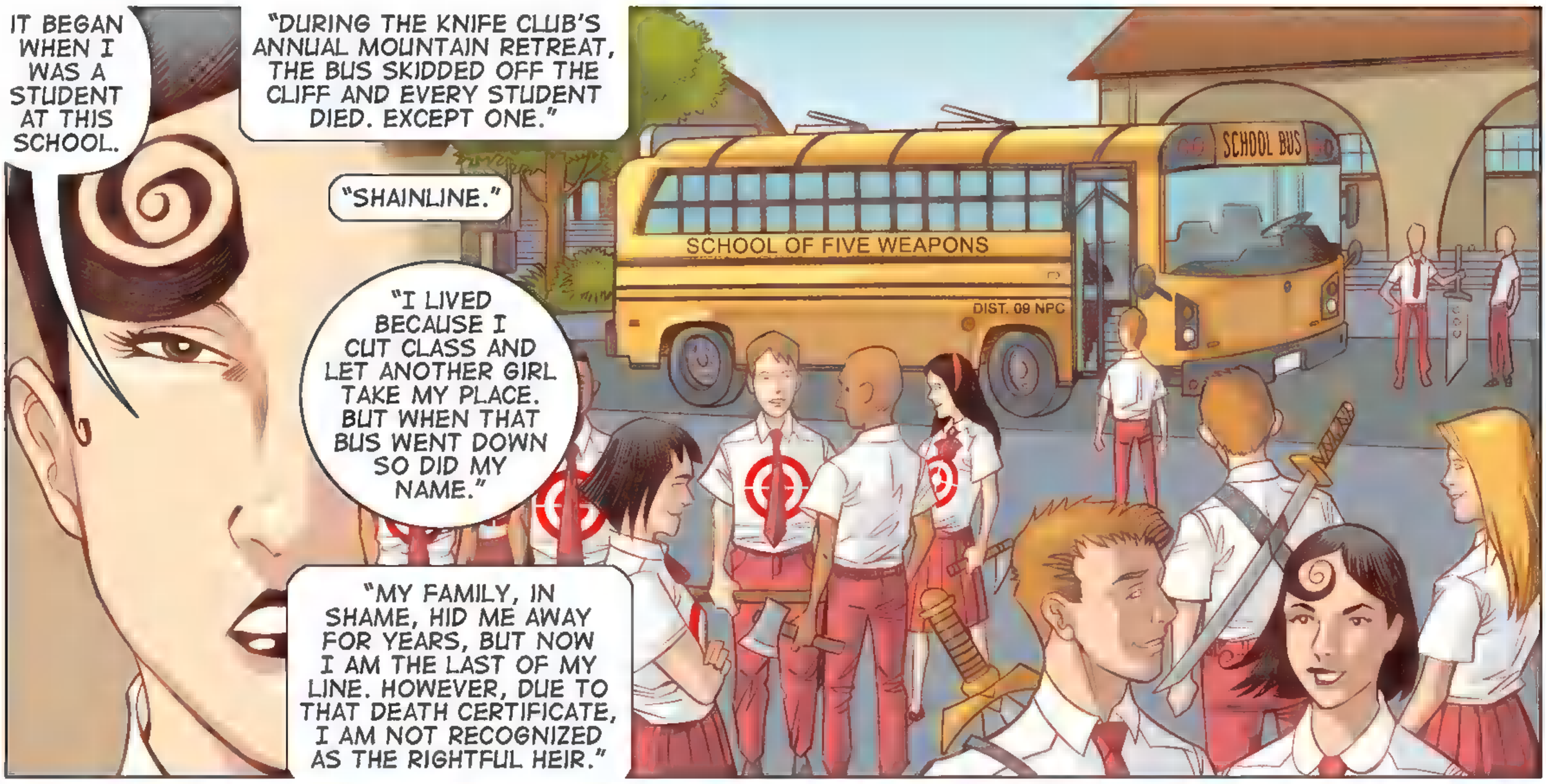
THERE IS A LIMIT TO YOUR ABILITY.

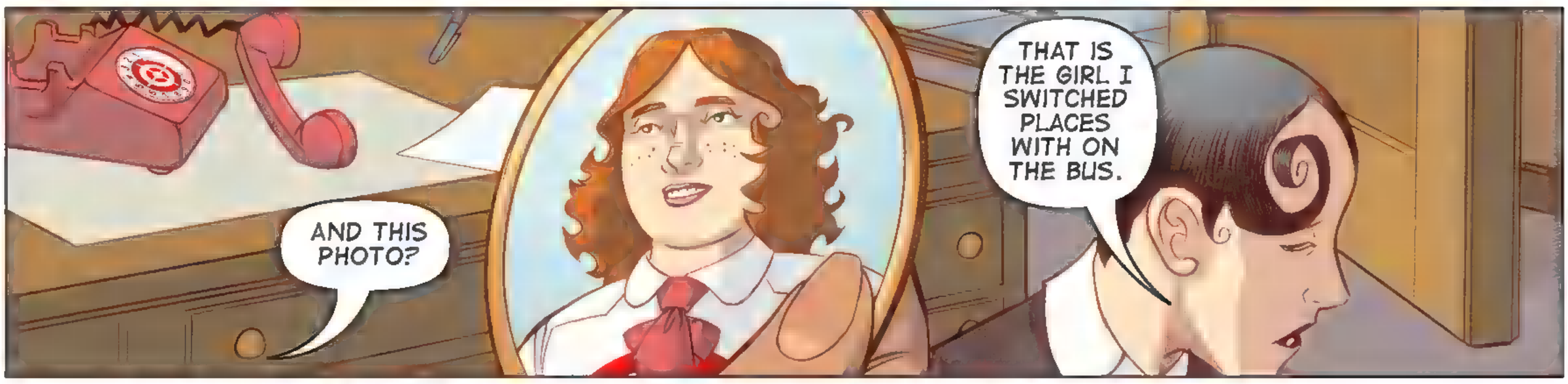
THAT WAS MY OLD STYLE.
YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED...

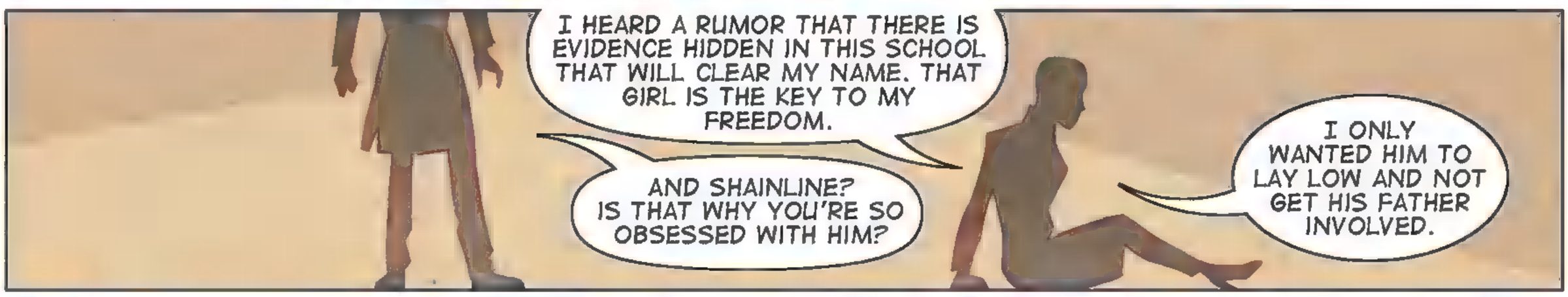
BY HOW MUCH...

... I'VE CHANGED.

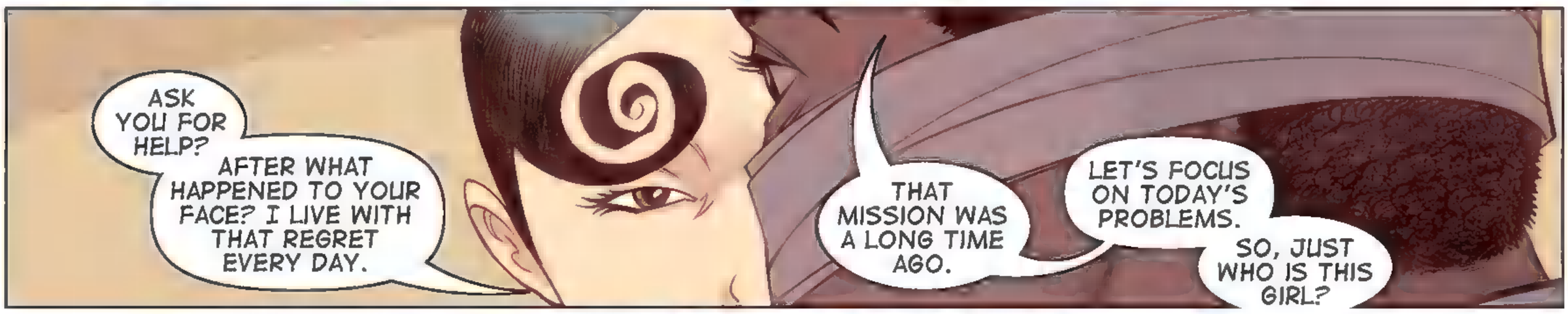

AND YOU'VE CHANGED, TOO.
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN TEN YEARS.
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
WHY DID YOU GO SO DARK? I HAD BARELY RECOGNIZED YOU WHEN YOU CAME HERE.
3
THEN I FIND OUT THAT YOU'VE BLACKMAILED THE FACULTY FOR RECOMMENDATIONS, AND WALK IN THE DOOR AS THE NEW PRINCIPAL.
I SERIOUSLY DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO, BUT --
IT IS NOT WHAT YOU THINK. I AM ONLY --
OH NO!
MISS!
TINK!
WHAT'S THIS?
NOTHING.
JUST...
JUST RETURN IT, PLEASE.
NO.
IT'S TIME THAT YOU COME CLEAN WITH ME. WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON HERE?
SPILL IT.
YOU OWE ME. EVERY TIME I LOOK IN THE MIRROR I SEE HOW MUCH YOU OWE ME.

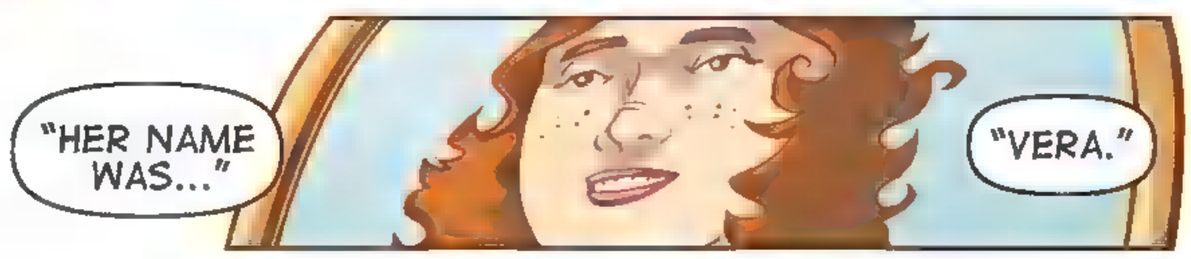

IT BEGAN WHEN I WAS A STUDENT AT THIS SCHOOL.
"DURING THE KNIFE CLUB'S ANNUAL MOUNTAIN RETREAT, THE BUS SKIDDED OFF THE CLIFF AND EVERY STUDENT DIED. EXCEPT ONE."
"SHAINLINE."
"I LIVED BECAUSE I CUT CLASS AND LET ANOTHER GIRL TAKE MY PLACE. BUT WHEN THAT BUS WENT DOWN SO DID MY NAME."
"MY FAMILY, IN SHAME, HID ME AWAY FOR YEARS, BUT NOW I AM THE LAST OF MY LINE. HOWEVER, DUE TO THAT DEATH CERTIFICATE, I AM NOT RECOGNIZED AS THE RIGHTFUL HEIR."
SCHOOL OF FIVE WEAPONS
DIST. 09 NPC
SCHOOL BUS

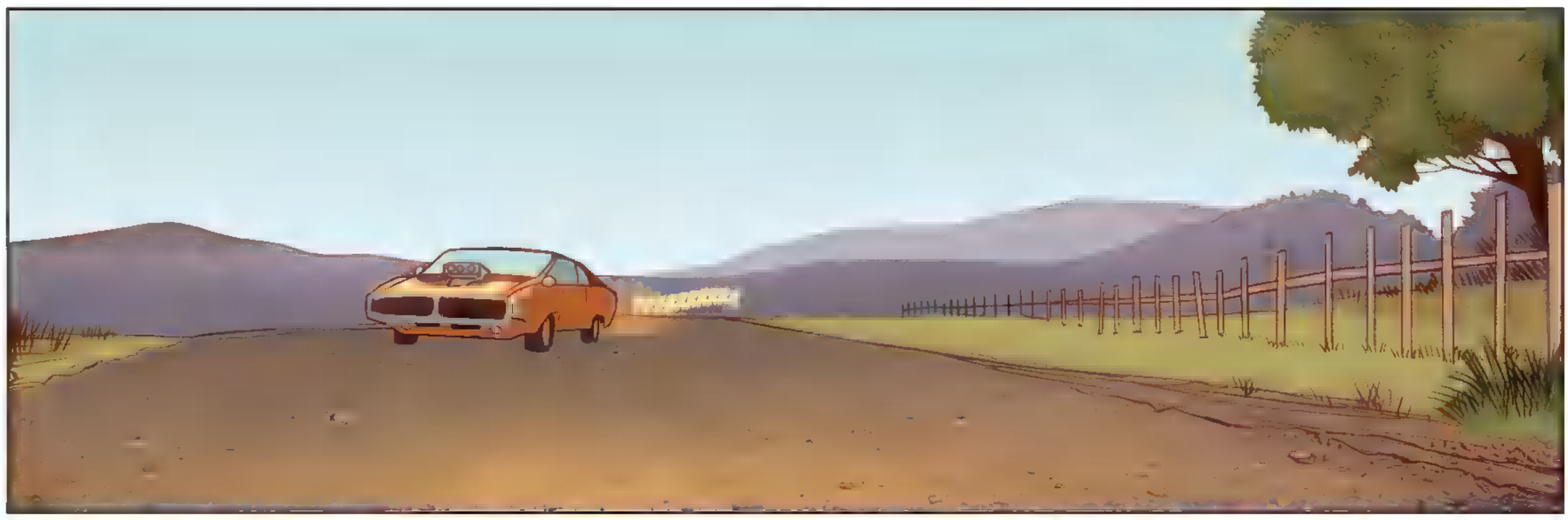

AND THIS PHOTO?
THAT IS THE GIRL I SWITCHED PLACES WITH ON THE BUS.

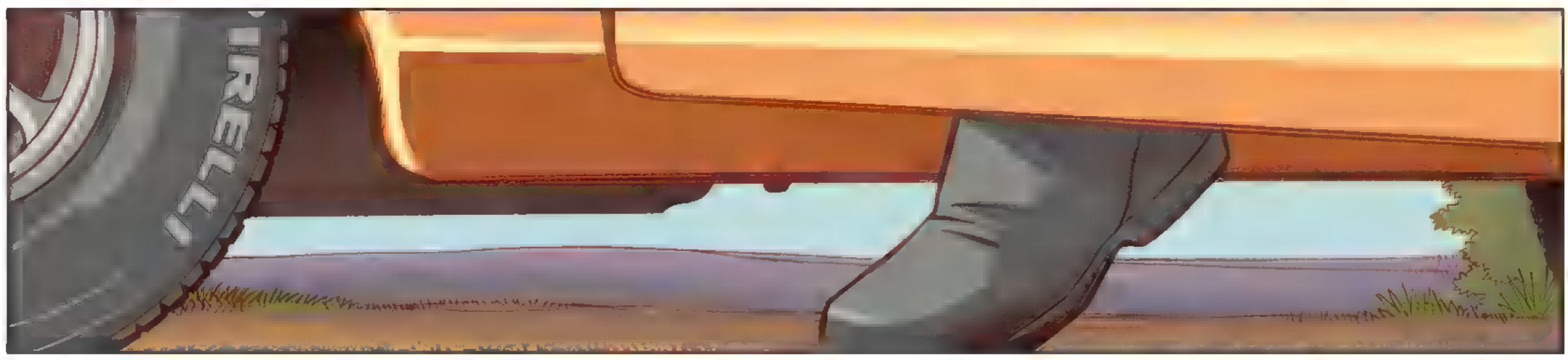

I HEARD A RUMOR THAT THERE IS EVIDENCE HIDDEN IN THIS SCHOOL THAT WILL CLEAR MY NAME. THAT GIRL IS THE KEY TO MY FREEDOM.
AND SHAINLINE? IS THAT WHY YOU'RE SO OBSESSED WITH HIM?
I ONLY WANTED HIM TO LAY LOW AND NOT GET HIS FATHER INVOLVED.

AMMO
RECYCLE
BUT HE CONTINUED TO CREATE TROUBLE. I AM AN ASSASSIN, NOT A REAL PRINCIPAL.
SO I DEALT WITH HIM THE ONLY WAY I KNEW.
IF I GET FIRED BEFORE I FIND THAT EVIDENCE, I WILL BE RUINED.
O, YOU BLIND FOOL. WHY DIDN'T YOU COME TO ME WITH THIS?


ASK YOU FOR HELP?
AFTER WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FACE? I LIVE WITH THAT REGRET EVERY DAY.
THAT MISSION WAS A LONG TIME AGO.
LET'S FOCUS ON TODAY'S PROBLEMS.
SO, JUST WHO IS THIS GIRL?


"HER NAME WAS..."
"VERA."



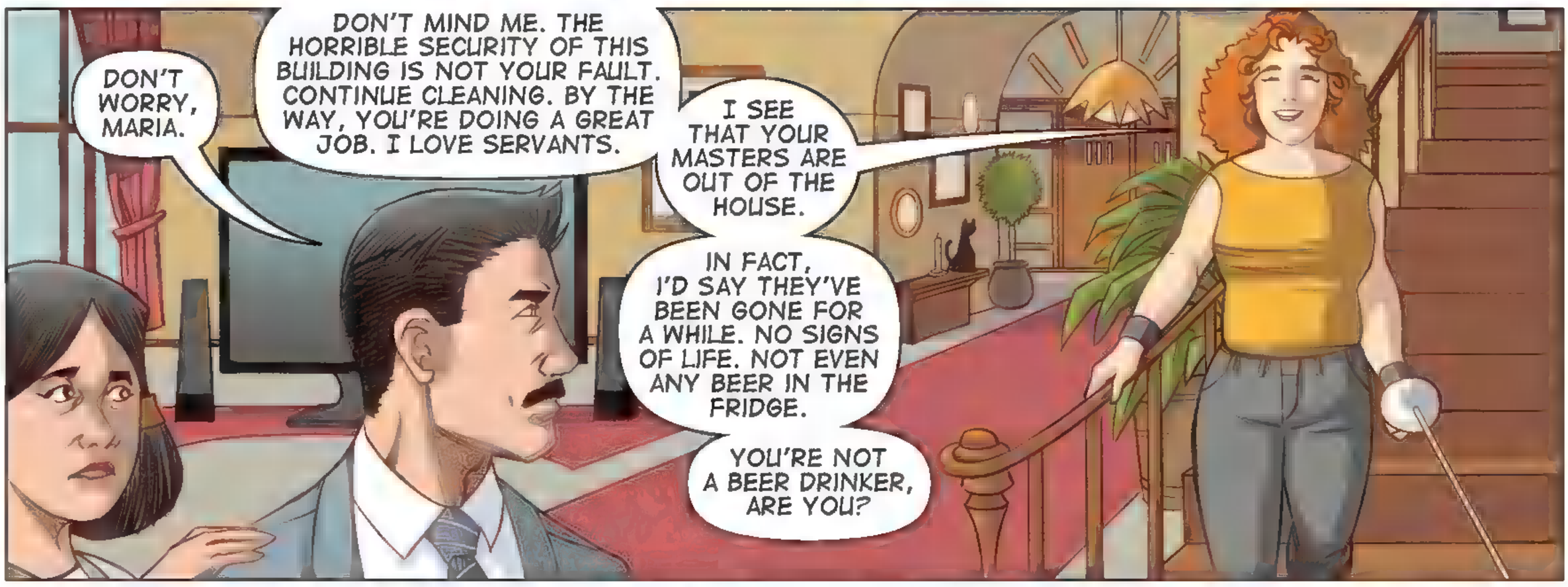

IRELLI

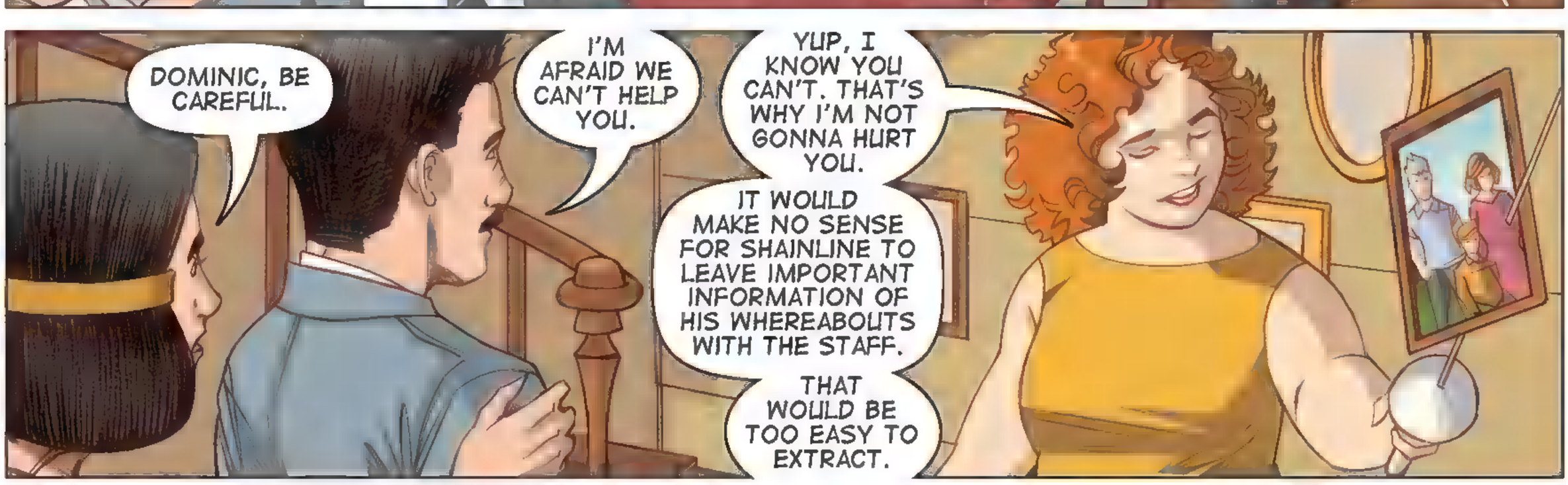
THE SHAINLINE ESTATE.
TYLER

TSK-TSK SHAINLINE. LOOK AT YOU NOW.
YOU'RE ALL GROWN UP.

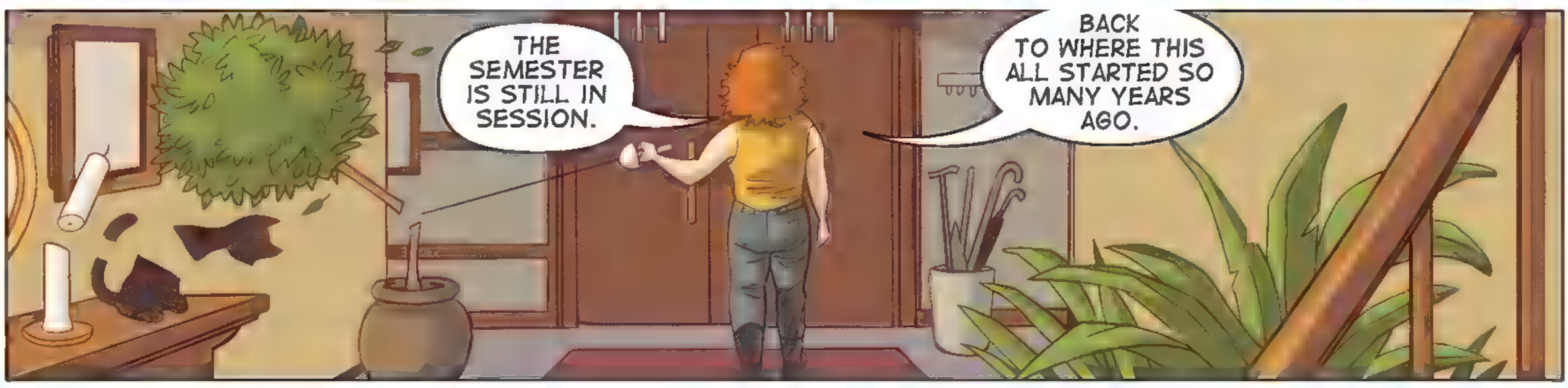
WHAT HAVE YOU BECOME?

EXCUSE ME?
HUH? HOW DID YOU GET IN?

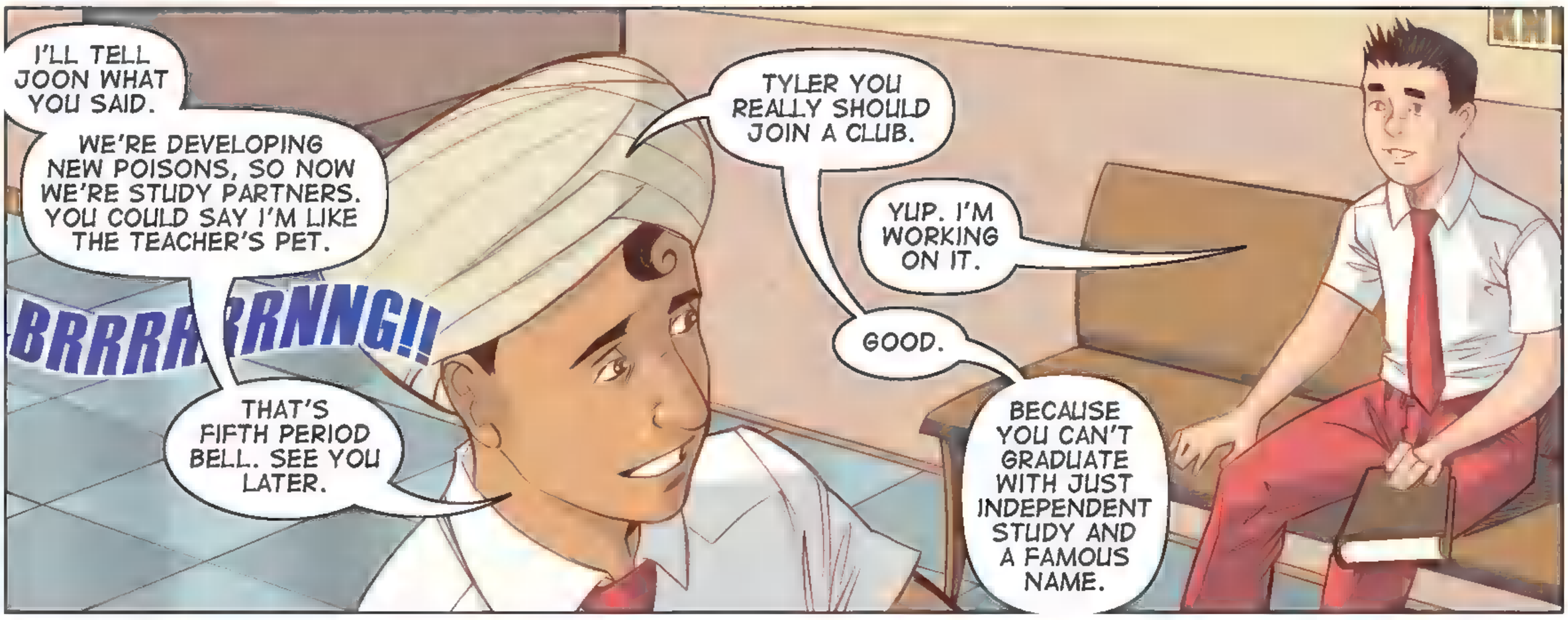

DON'T WORRY, MARIA.
DON'T MIND ME. THE HORRIBLE SECURITY OF THIS BUILDING IS NOT YOUR FAULT. CONTINUE CLEANING. BY THE WAY, YOU'RE DOING A GREAT JOB. I LOVE SERVANTS.
I SEE THAT YOUR MASTERS ARE OUT OF THE HOUSE.
IN FACT, I'D SAY THEY'VE BEEN GONE FOR A WHILE. NO SIGNS OF LIFE. NOT EVEN ANY BEER IN THE FRIDGE.
YOU'RE NOT A BEER DRINKER, ARE YOU?


DOMINIC, BE CAREFUL.
I'M AFRAID WE CAN'T HELP YOU.
YUP, I KNOW YOU CAN'T. THAT'S WHY I'M NOT GONNA HURT YOU.
IT WOULD MAKE NO SENSE FOR SHAINLINE TO LEAVE IMPORTANT INFORMATION OF HIS WHEREABOUTS WITH THE STAFF.
THAT WOULD BE TOO EASY TO EXTRACT.

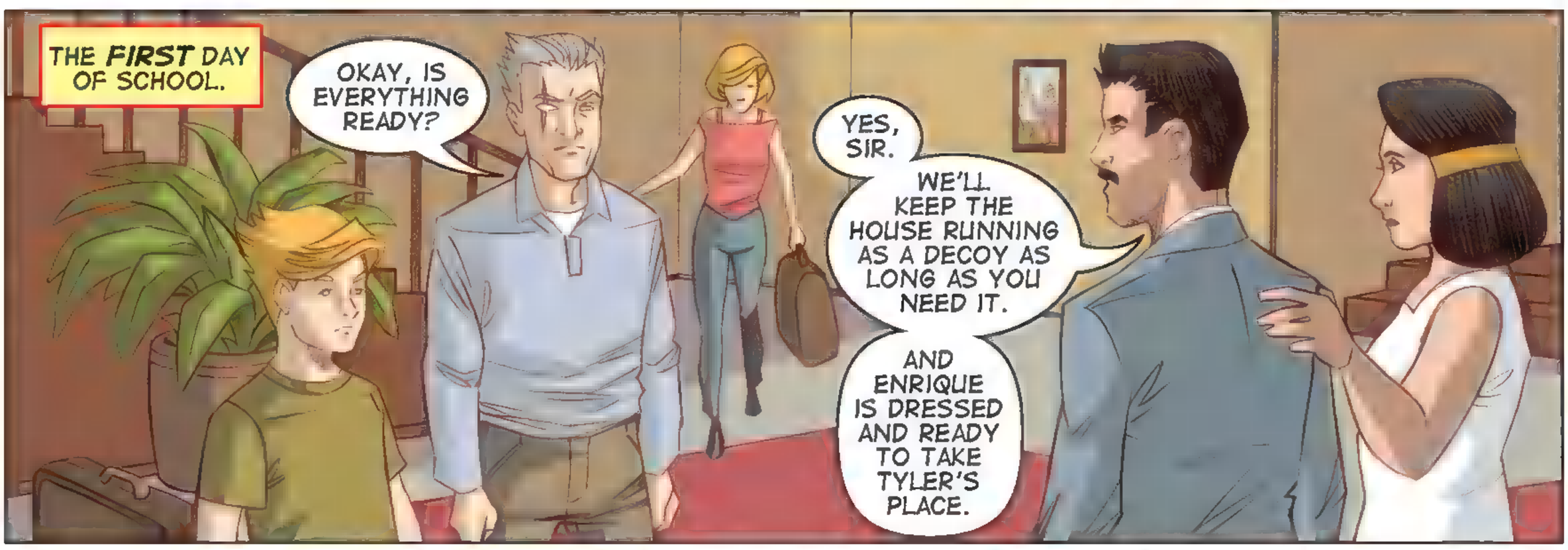
HMMM... BUT I'M SURE SOMEONE IN THIS FAMILY KNOWS WHERE HE IS.
AND AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, I KNOW WHERE TO FIND THAT PERSON.

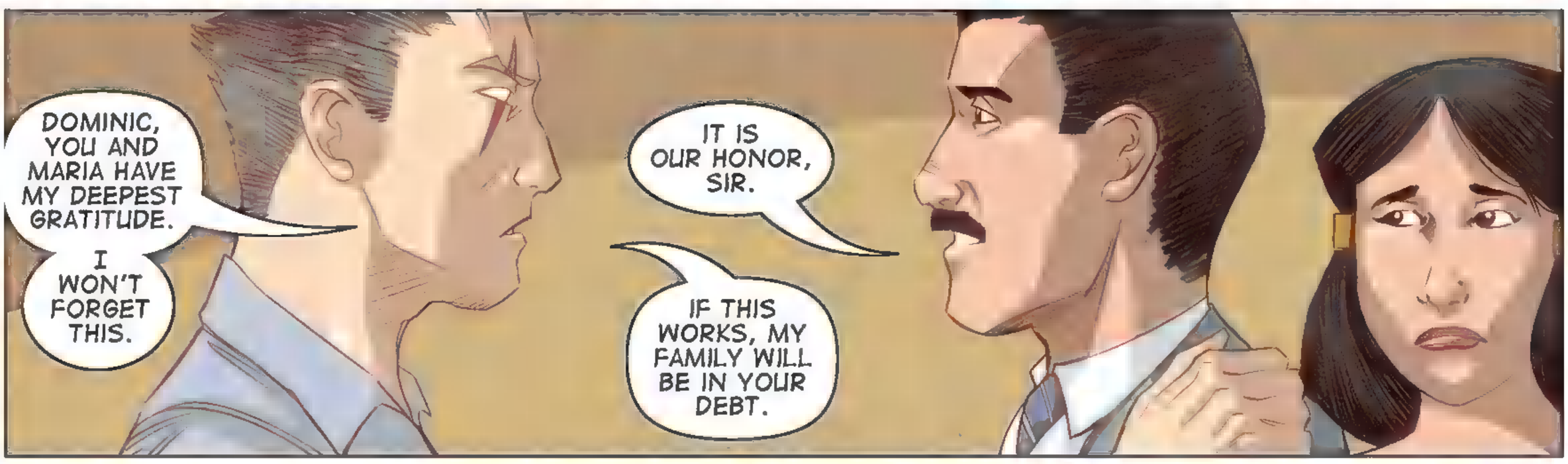

THE SEMESTER IS STILL IN SESSION.
BACK TO WHERE THIS ALL STARTED SO MANY YEARS AGO.

THE SCHOOL OF FIVE WEAPONS.
OUTTA THE WAY!
EXCUSE ME.
OUTTA THE WAY!
MOVE IT. WE GOTTA SEE THE NURSE.
INJURED STUDENT COMING THROUGH.
LOOKS LIKE NAT THE GAT STRIKES AGAIN.
ALL WEAPONS, INCLUDING CONCEALED FIREARMS, ARE USED ON THESE PREMISES
THE DUDE IS A WALKING HURT LOCKER. ISN'T THIS HIS SECOND YEAR?
HE'S GOOD, BUT HE HAS TOO MANY ACCIDENTS.
WOW.
THE NURSE'S OFFICE HAS BEEN REAL BUSY THIS WEEK.
ALL THE CLUBS ARE CRAMMING FOR MIDTERMS, BUT IT SEEMS THE GUN CLUB IS SUFFERING THE MOST.
AMMO
RECYCLE
THE EXOTIC WEAPONS CLUB ISN'T SUFFERING. THINGS ARE GREAT.
L'HARMA IS GONE, BUT JOON IS A PRETTY GOOD SUBSTITUTE TEACHER.
IF SHE KEEPS GOING SHE'LL BE THE TOP STUDENT IN SCHOOL.
SHE COULD EVEN SURPASS JADE.
SPEAKING OF... ARE YOU TWO STILL... Y'KNOW...?
HEY?!
YOU'RE ONE TO TALK.
MR. LOVE TIGER.
I SAW YOU AND JOON HITTING IT OFF AT THE SPRING FESTIVAL.
HAHA!


I'LL TELL JOON WHAT YOU SAID.
WE'RE DEVELOPING NEW POISONS, SO NOW WE'RE STUDY PARTNERS. YOU COULD SAY I'M LIKE THE TEACHER'S PET.
BRRRR BRNNG!!
THAT'S FIFTH PERIOD BELL. SEE YOU LATER.
TYLER YOU REALLY SHOULD JOIN A CLUB.
YUP. I'M WORKING ON IT.
GOOD.
BECAUSE YOU CAN'T GRADUATE WITH JUST INDEPENDENT STUDY AND A FAMOUS NAME.

AS IF A DIPLOMA WOULD HELP A SECOND-CLASS CITIZEN LIKE ME?
I GOTTA REMEMBER THAT I'M HERE TO HELP MY PARENTS. IF I JOIN A CLUB, I'D BREAK MY PROMISE TO DAD.
BUT COMING HERE COULD CHANGE ALL THAT...
IF MR. SHAINLINE KEEPS HIS WORD...


THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.
OKAY, IS EVERYTHING READY?
YES, SIR.
WE'LL KEEP THE HOUSE RUNNING AS A DECOY AS LONG AS YOU NEED IT.
AND ENRIQUE IS DRESSED AND READY TO TAKE TYLER'S PLACE.


DOMINIC, YOU AND MARIA HAVE MY DEEPEST GRATITUDE.
I WON'T FORGET THIS.
IT IS OUR HONOR, SIR.
IF THIS WORKS, MY FAMILY WILL BE IN YOUR DEBT.

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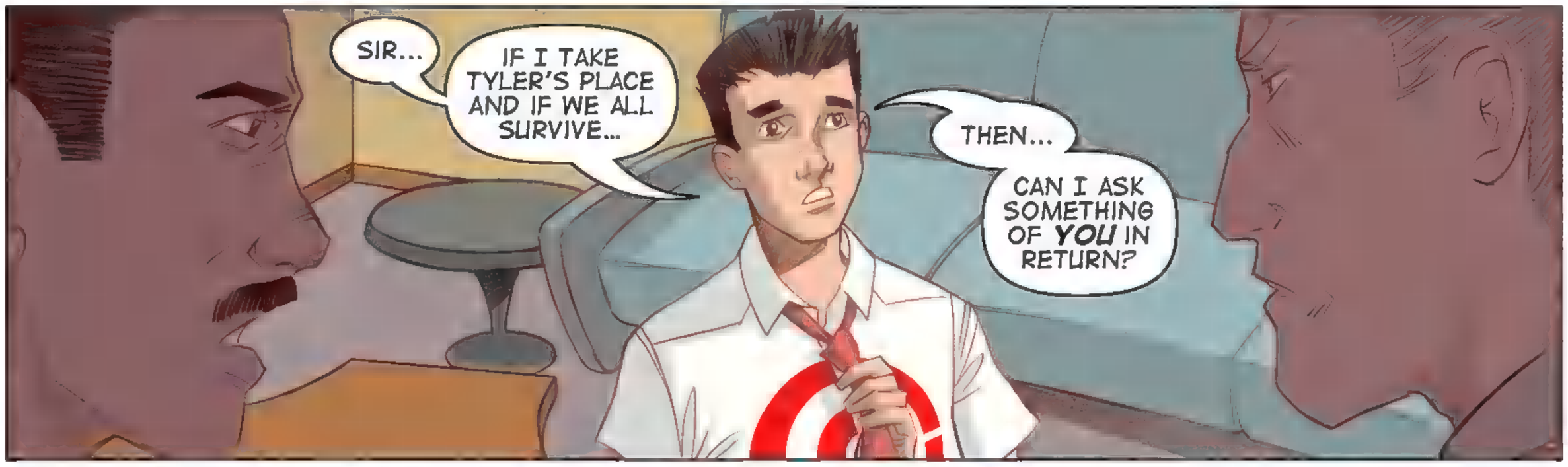
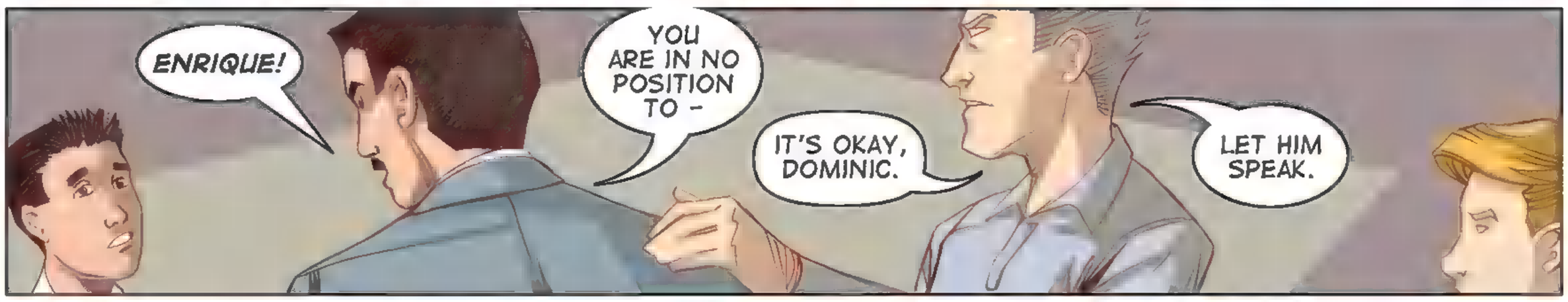
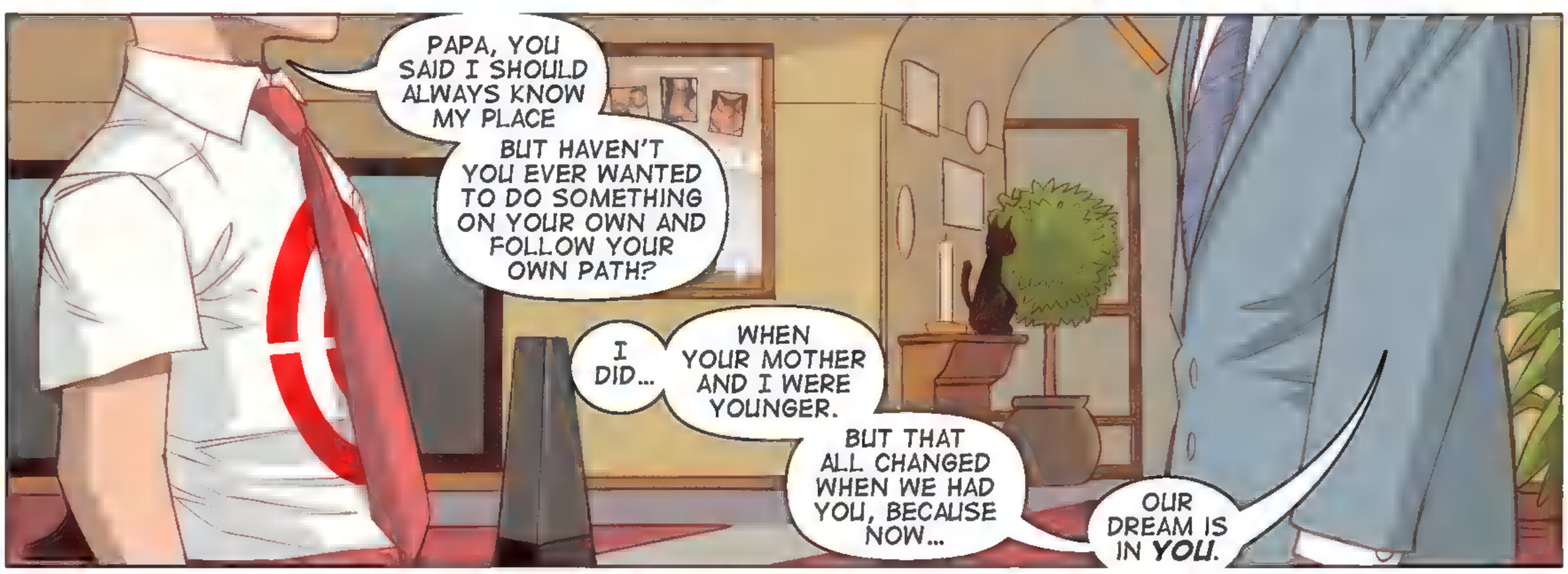
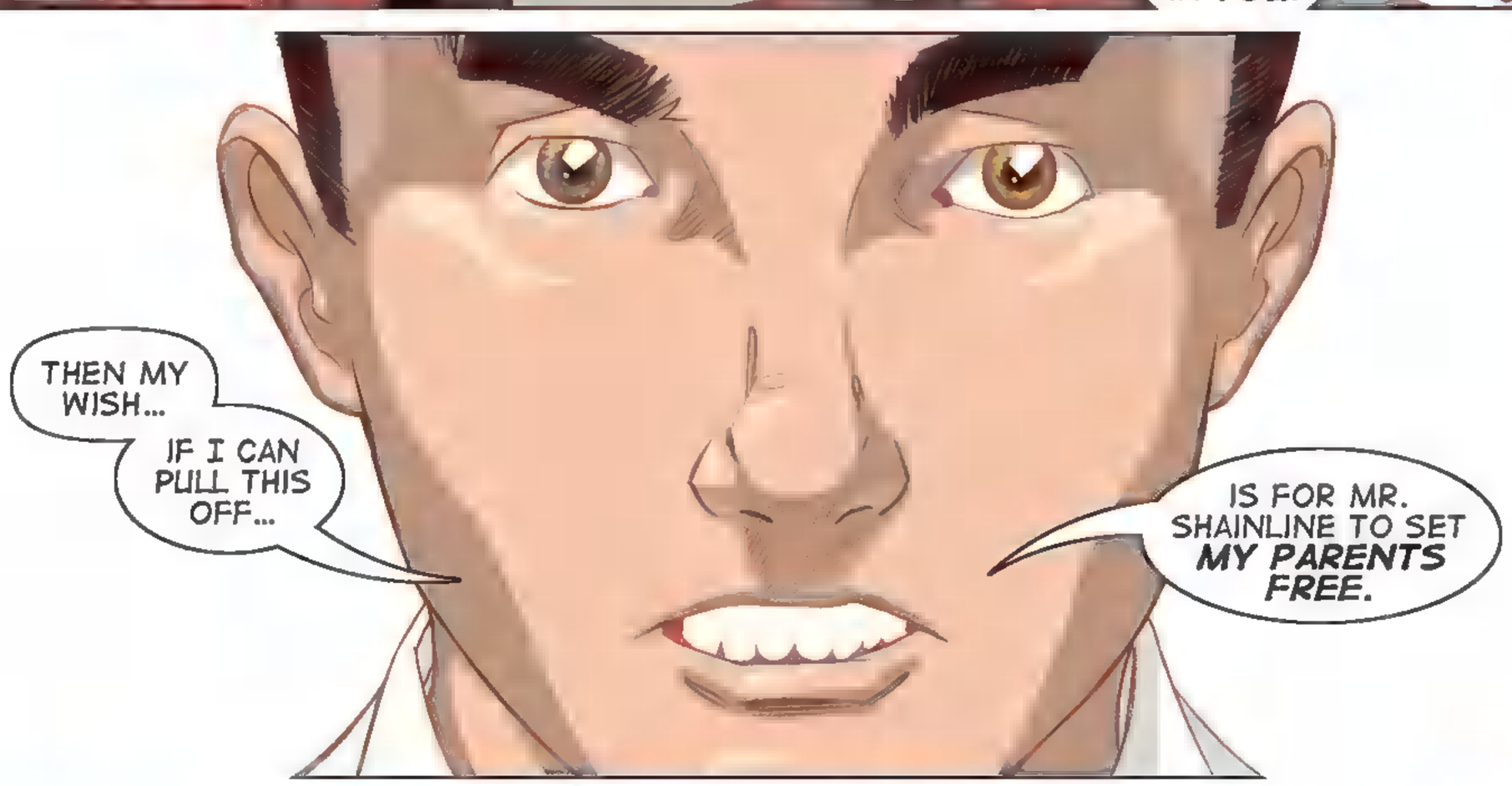
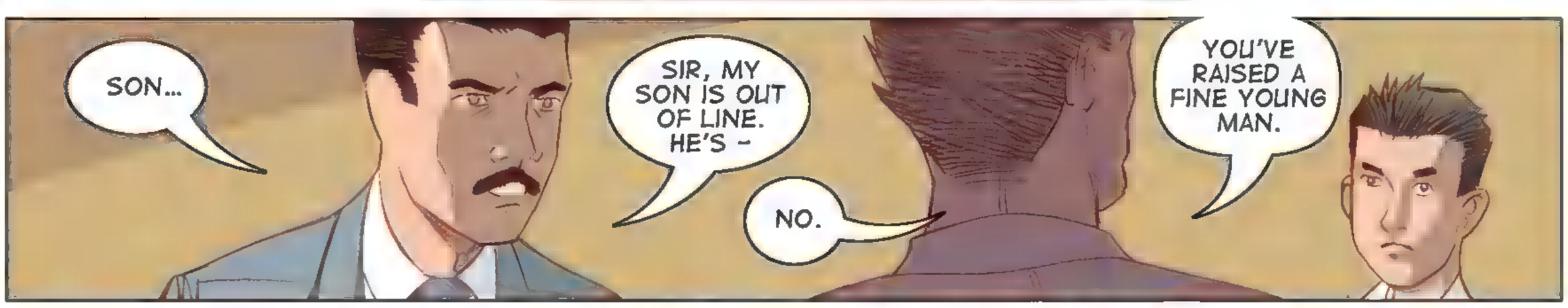
EXCUSE ME...
BUT CAN I ASK SOMETHING?

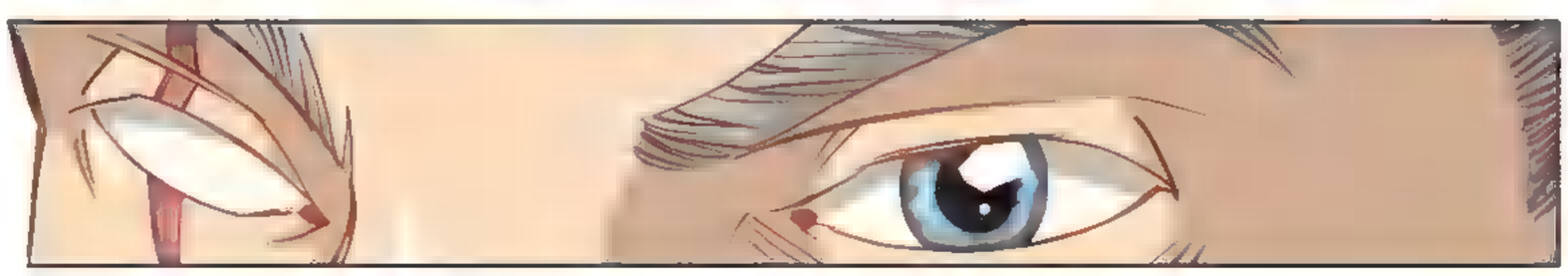

SIR...
IF I TAKE TYLER'S PLACE AND IF WE ALL SURVIVE...
THEN...
CAN I ASK SOMETHING OF YOU IN RETURN?

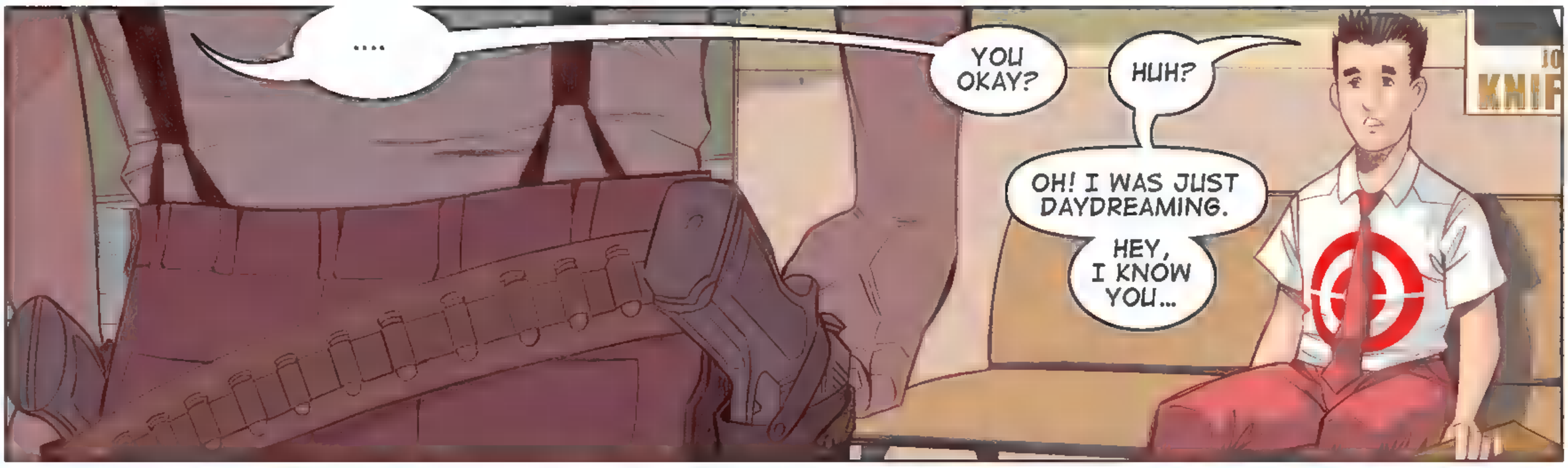

ENRIQUE!
YOU ARE IN NO POSITION TO -
IT'S OKAY, DOMINIC.
LET HIM SPEAK.


PAPA, YOU SAID I SHOULD ALWAYS KNOW MY PLACE
BUT HAVEN'T YOU EVER WANTED TO DO SOMETHING ON YOUR OWN AND FOLLOW YOUR OWN PATH?
I DID...
WHEN YOUR MOTHER AND I WERE YOUNGER.
BUT THAT ALL CHANGED WHEN WE HAD YOU, BECAUSE NOW...
OUR DREAM IS IN YOU.


THEN MY WISH...
IF I CAN PULL THIS OFF...
IS FOR MR. SHAINLINE TO SET MY PARENTS FREE.


SON...
SIR, MY SON IS OUT OF LINE. HE'S -
NO.
YOU'VE RAISED A FINE YOUNG MAN.

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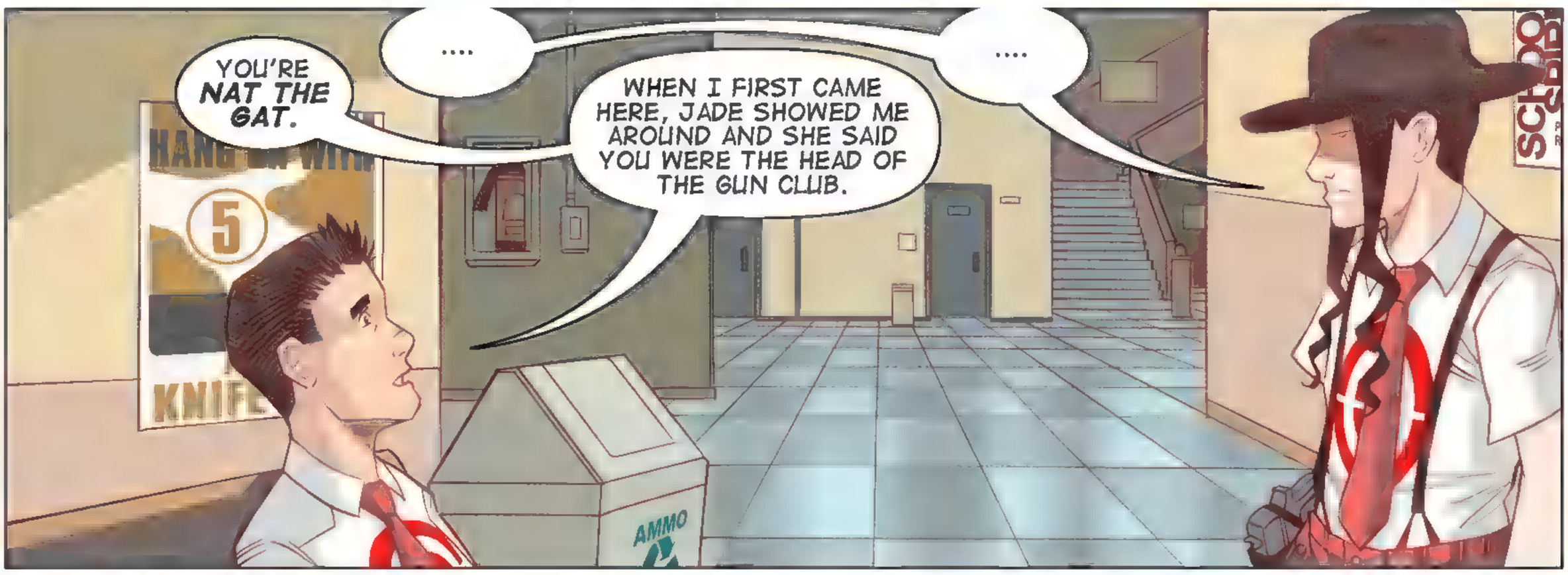
YOU OKAY?
HUH?
OH! I WAS JUST DAYDREAMING.
HEY, I KNOW YOU...


YOU'RE NAT THE GAT.
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WHEN I FIRST CAME HERE, JADE SHOWED ME AROUND AND SHE SAID YOU WERE THE HEAD OF THE GUN CLUB.
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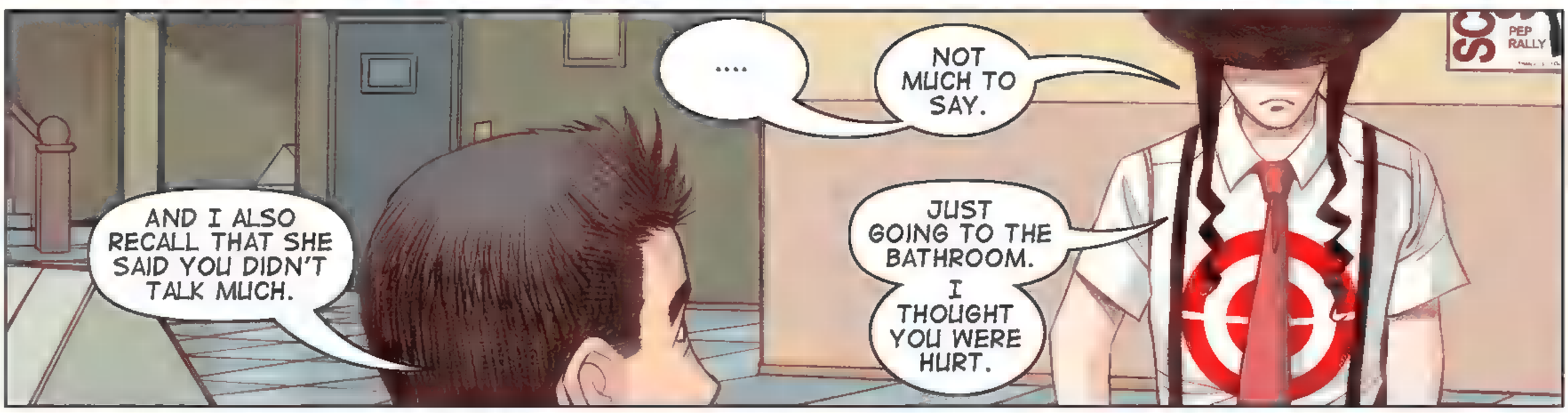
KNIFE
AMMO


AND I ALSO RECALL THAT SHE SAID YOU DIDN'T TALK MUCH.
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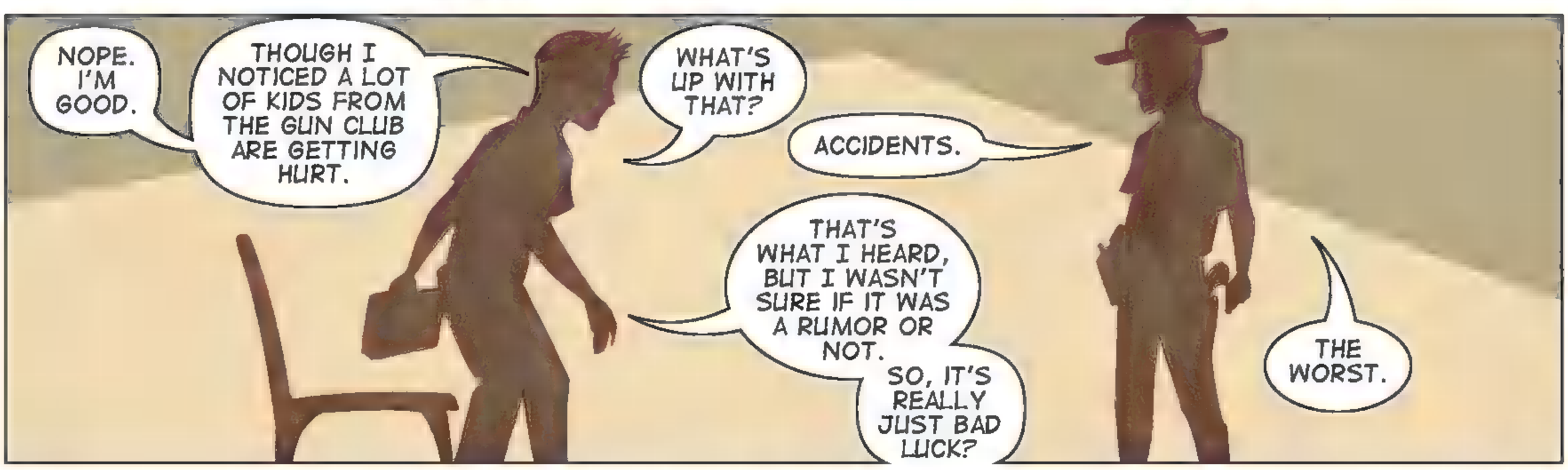
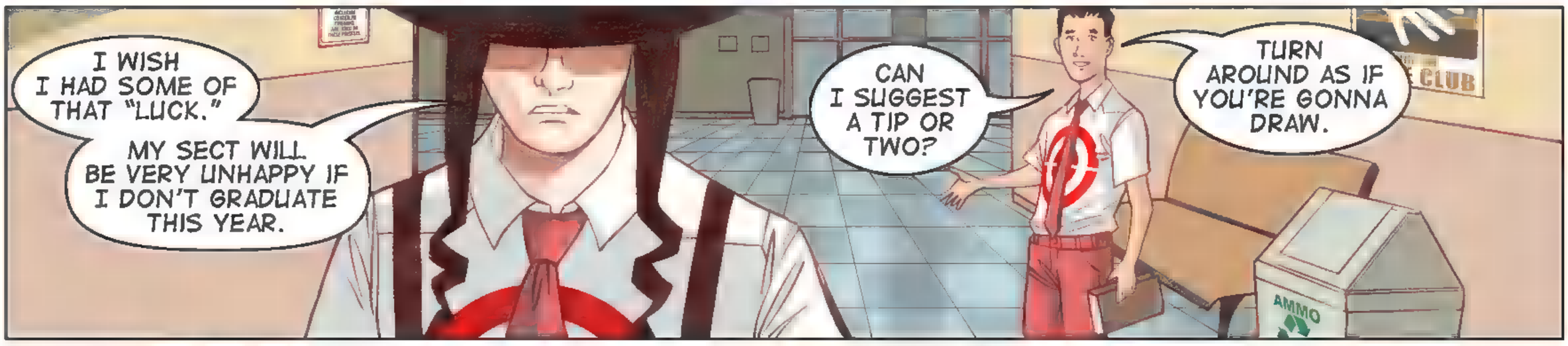
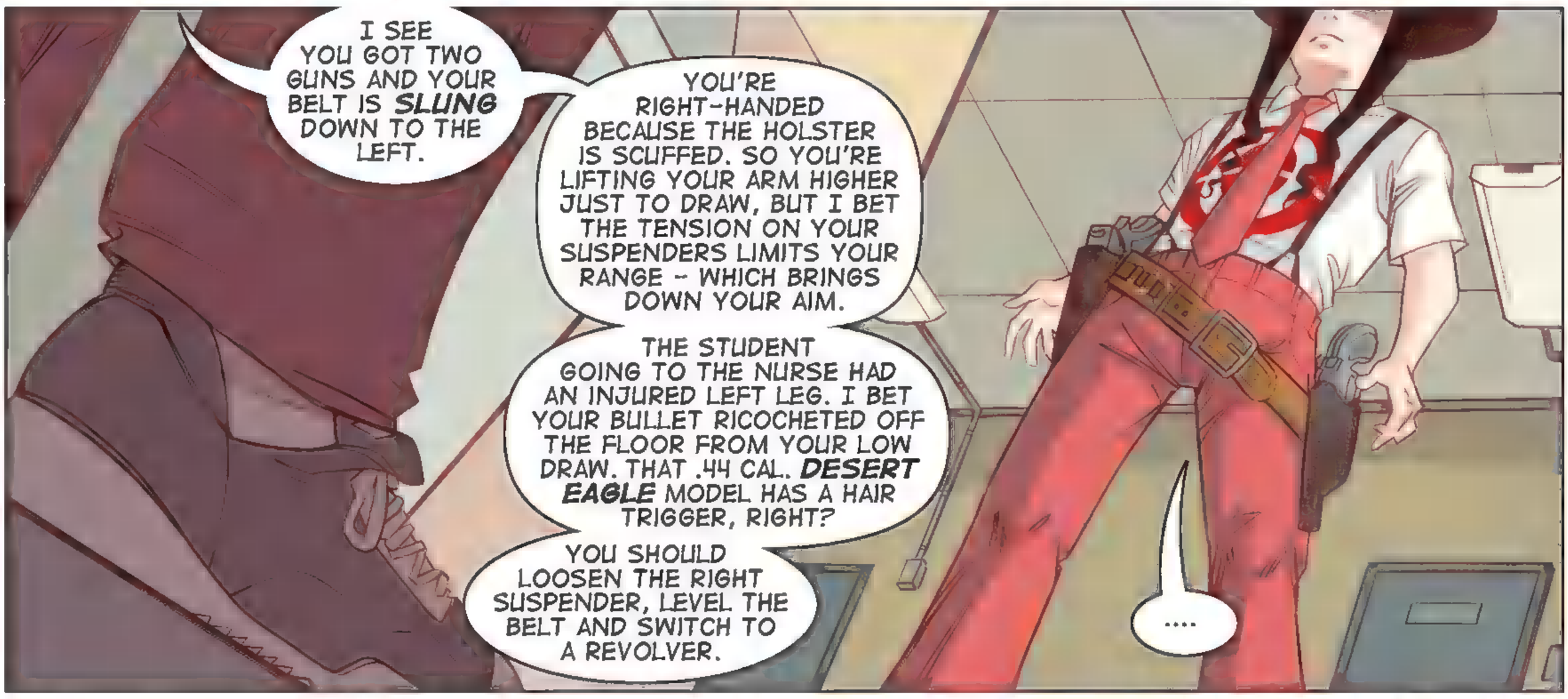
NOT MUCH TO SAY.
JUST GOING TO THE BATHROOM.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE HURT.
PEP RALLY


NOPE. I'M GOOD.
THOUGH I NOTICED A LOT OF KIDS FROM THE GUN CLUB ARE GETTING HURT.
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?
ACCIDENTS.
THAT'S WHAT I HEARD, BUT I WASN'T SURE IF IT WAS A RUMOR OR NOT.
SO, IT'S REALLY JUST BAD LUCK?
THE WORST.

SO YOU'RE THE SHAINLINE KID, RIGHT?
YOU BEAT ALL THOSE CLUBS?
WELL... I WOULDN'T SAY I BEAT 'EM.
I JUST OBSERVED A FEW LOOPHOLES AND FIGURED OUT THEIR WEAK POINTS.
BUT SOMETIMES I JUST GET LUCKY.


I WISH I HAD SOME OF THAT "LUCK."
MY SECT WILL BE VERY UNHAPPY IF I DON'T GRADUATE THIS YEAR.
CAN I SUGGEST A TIP OR TWO?
TURN AROUND AS IF YOU'RE GONNA DRAW.
AMMO


I SEE YOU GOT TWO GUNS AND YOUR BELT IS SLUNG DOWN TO THE LEFT.
YOU'RE RIGHT-HANDED BECAUSE THE HOLSTER IS SCUFFED. SO YOU'RE LIFTING YOUR ARM HIGHER JUST TO DRAW, BUT I BET THE TENSION ON YOUR SUSPENDERS LIMITS YOUR RANGE - WHICH BRINGS DOWN YOUR AIM.
THE STUDENT GOING TO THE NURSE HAD AN INJURED LEFT LEG. I BET YOUR BULLET RICOCHETED OFF THE FLOOR FROM YOUR LOW DRAW. THAT .44 CAL. DESERT EAGLE MODEL HAS A HAIR TRIGGER, RIGHT?
YOU SHOULD LOOSEN THE RIGHT SUSPENDER, LEVEL THE BELT AND SWITCH TO A REVOLVER.
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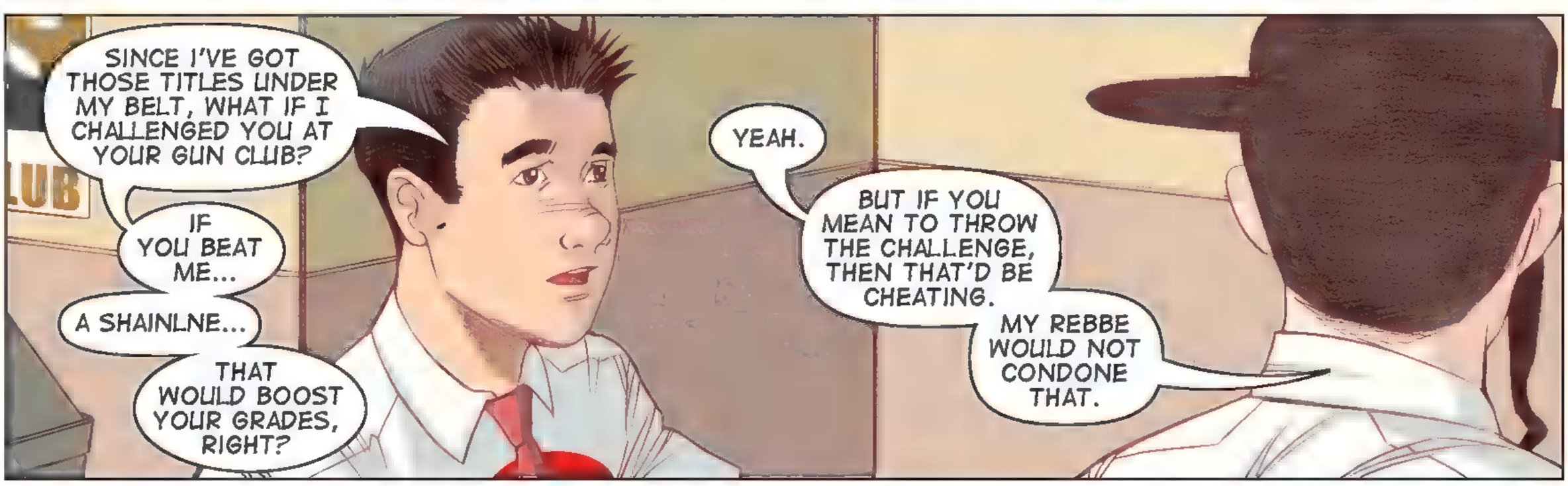
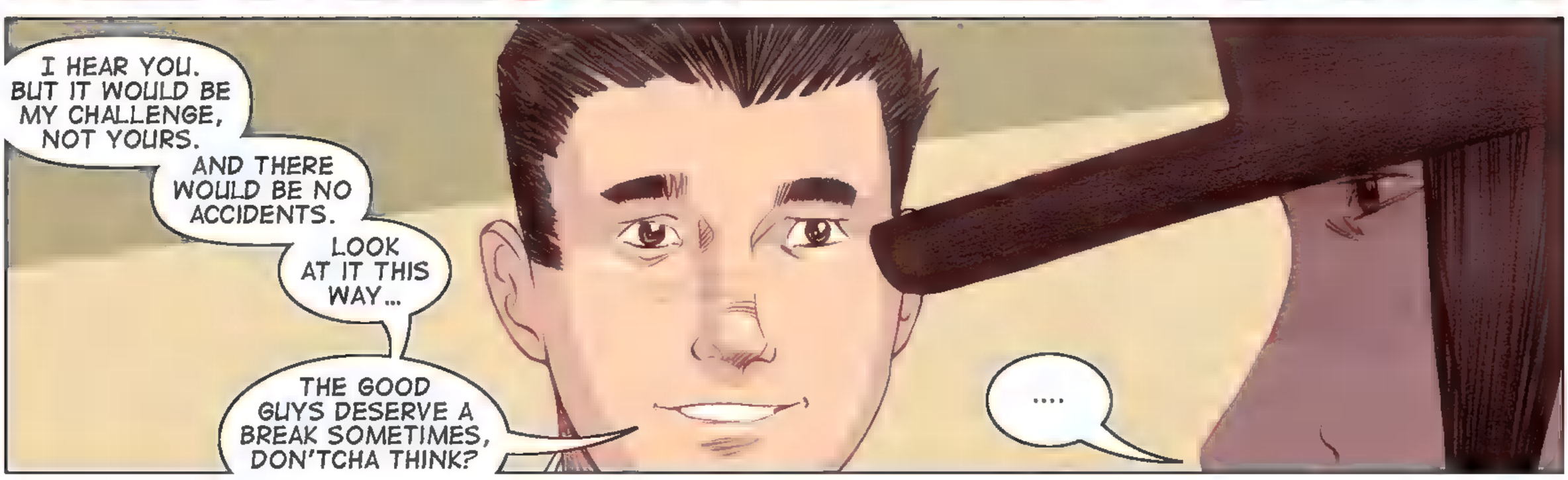
YOU'RE GOOD.
I SEE HOW YOU BEAT ALL THOSE CLUBS. IF I HAD THAT MANY TITLES I WOULD HAVE GRADUATED ALREADY.
HMM... GRADUATING WON'T HELP ME...
BUT PERHAPS MY CLUB VICTORIES CAN HELP SOMEONE ELSE?
NAT! HOLD UP. I GOT AN IDEA.
AMMO


SINCE I'VE GOT THOSE TITLES UNDER MY BELT, WHAT IF I CHALLENGED YOU AT YOUR GUN CLUB?
IF YOU BEAT ME...
A SHAINLNE...
THAT WOULD BOOST YOUR GRADES, RIGHT?
YEAH.
BUT IF YOU MEAN TO THROW THE CHALLENGE, THEN THAT'D BE CHEATING.
MY REBBE WOULD NOT CONDONE THAT.


I HEAR YOU. BUT IT WOULD BE MY CHALLENGE, NOT YOURS.
AND THERE WOULD BE NO ACCIDENTS.
LOOK AT IT THIS WAY...
THE GOOD GUYS DESERVE A BREAK SOMETIMES, DON'TCHA THINK?
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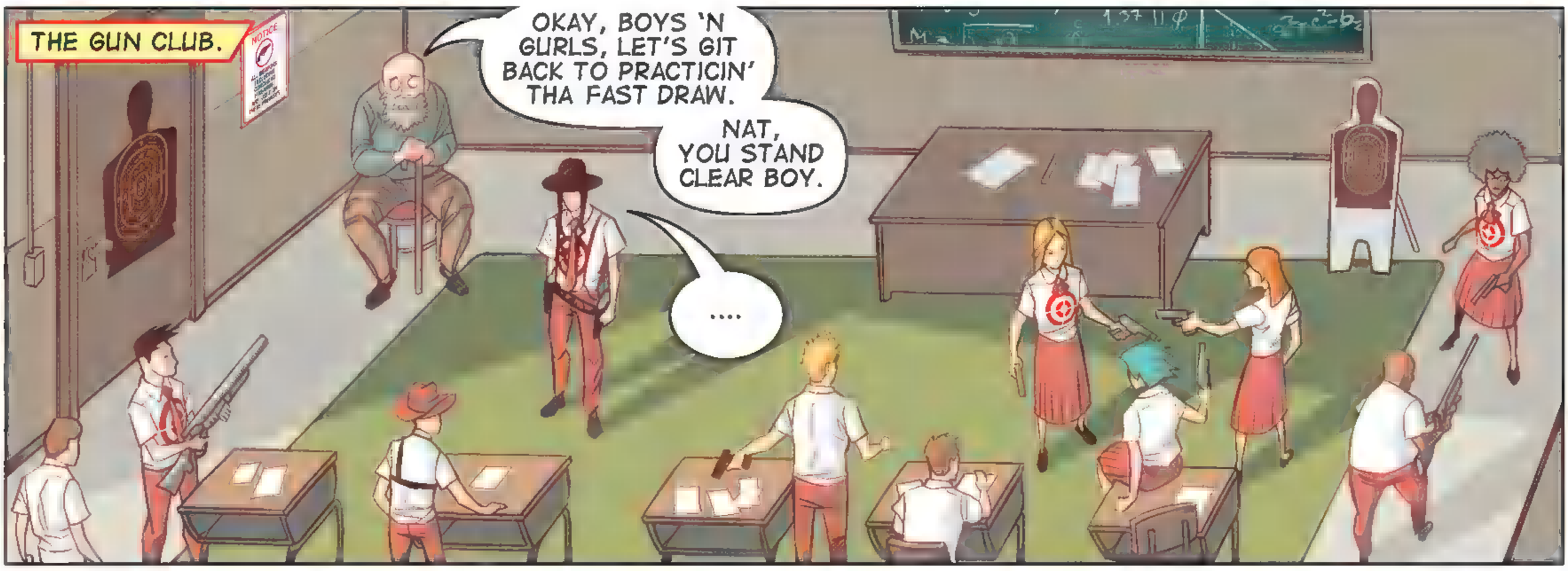
THE GUN CLUB.
OKAY, BOYS 'N GURLS, LET'S GIT BACK TO PRACTICIN' THA FAST DRAW.
NAT, YOU STAND CLEAR BOY.
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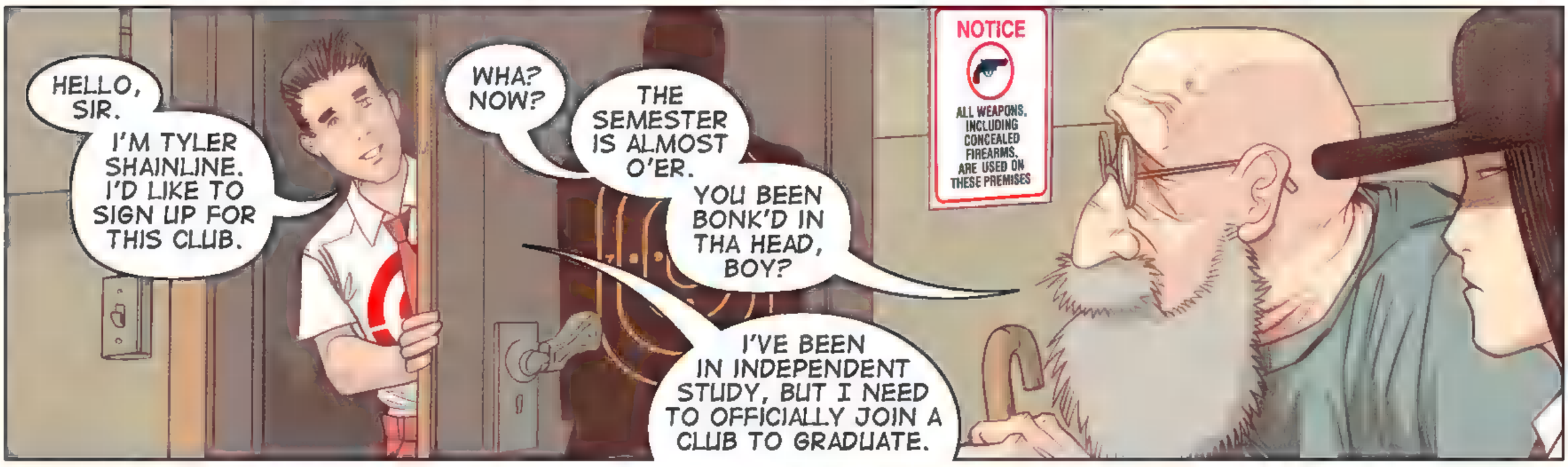
HELLO, SIR.
I'M TYLER SHAINLINE. I'D LIKE TO SIGN UP FOR THIS CLUB.
WHA? NOW?
THE SEMESTER IS ALMOST O'ER.
YOU BEEN BONK'D IN THA HEAD, BOY?
I'VE BEEN IN INDEPENDENT STUDY, BUT I NEED TO OFFICIALLY JOIN A CLUB TO GRADUATE.
NOTICE
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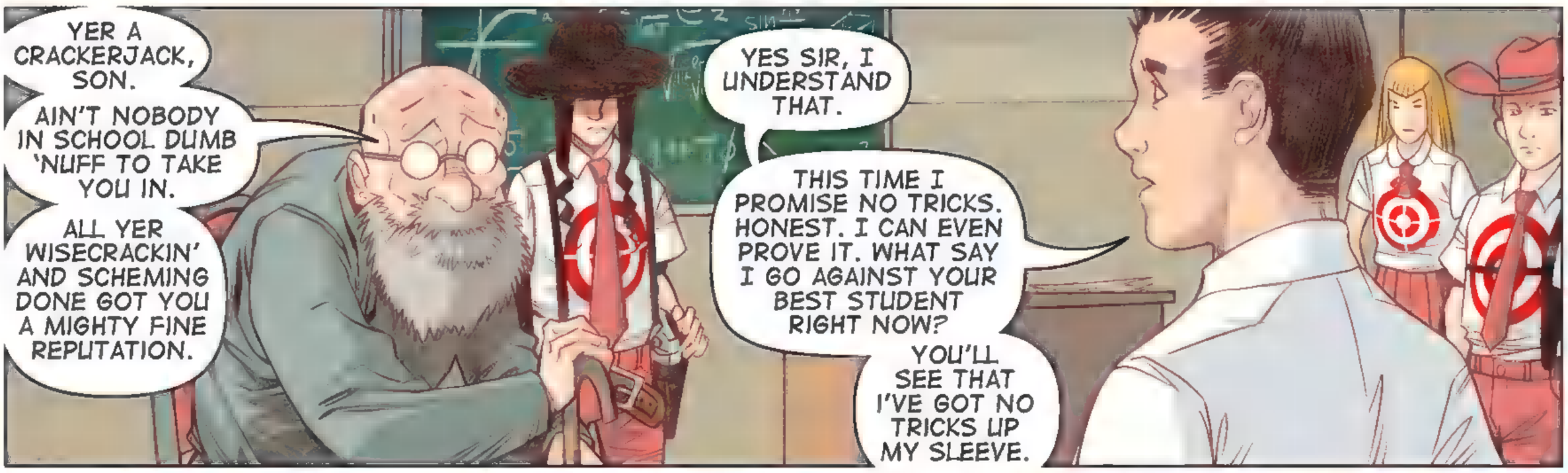
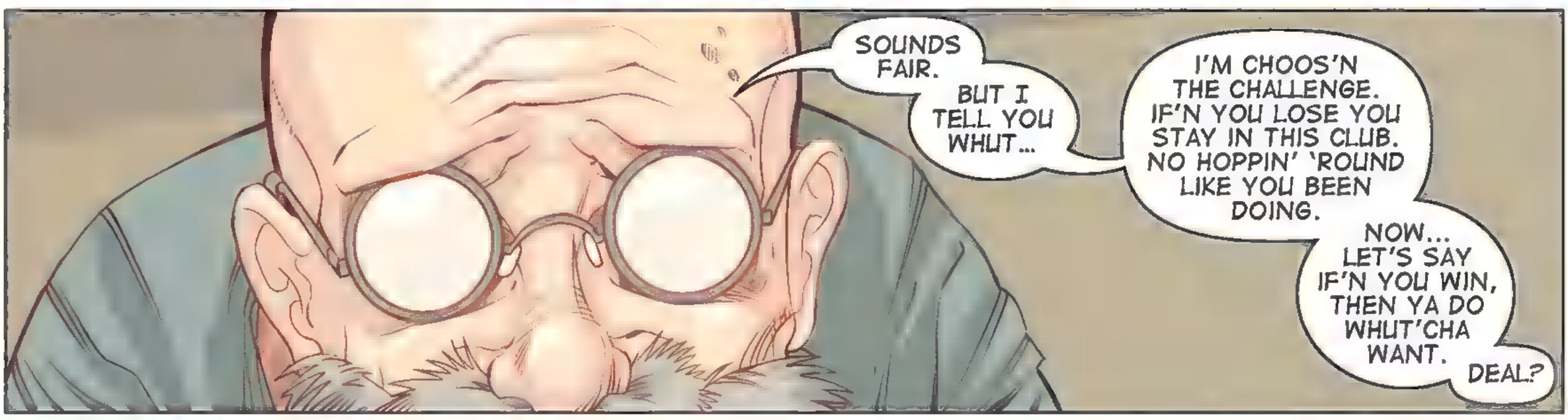
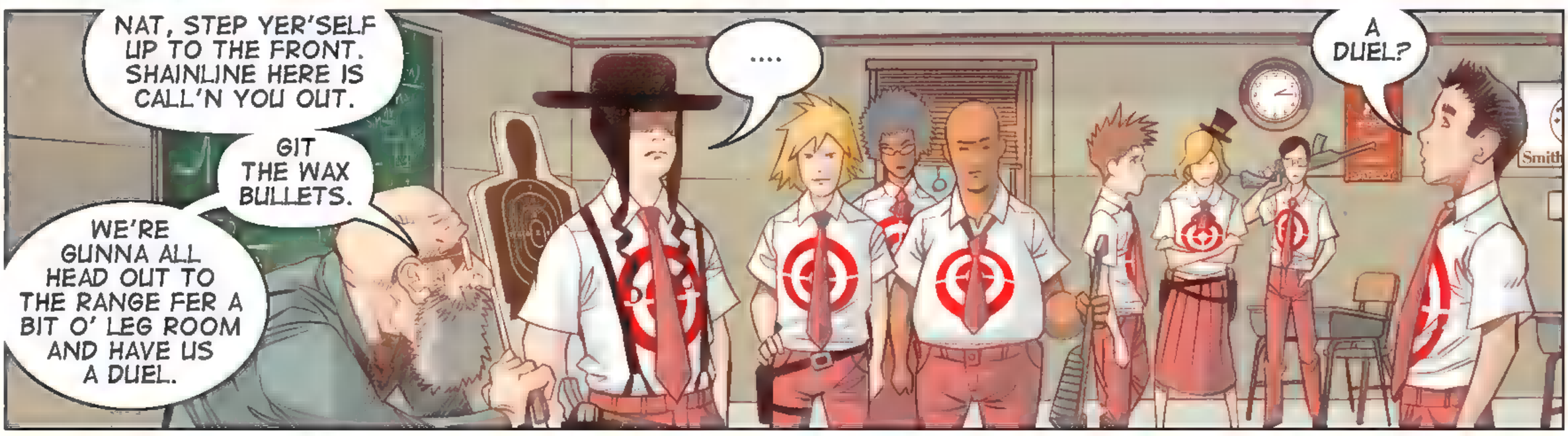

YER A CRACKERJACK, SON.
AIN'T NOBODY IN SCHOOL DUMB 'NUFF TO TAKE YOU IN.
ALL YER WISECRACKIN' AND SCHEMING DONE GOT YOU A MIGHTY FINE REPUTATION.
YES SIR, I UNDERSTAND THAT.
THIS TIME I PROMISE NO TRICKS. HONEST. I CAN EVEN PROVE IT. WHAT SAY I GO AGAINST YOUR BEST STUDENT RIGHT NOW?
YOU'LL SEE THAT I'VE GOT NO TRICKS UP MY SLEEVE.


SOUNDS FAIR.
BUT I TELL YOU WHUT...
I'M CHOOS'N THE CHALLENGE. IF'N YOU LOSE YOU STAY IN THIS CLUB. NO HOPPIN' 'ROUND LIKE YOU BEEN DOING.
NOW... LET'S SAY IF'N YOU WIN, THEN YA DO WHUT'CHA WANT.
DEAL?


NAT, STEP YER'SELF UP TO THE FRONT. SHAINLINE HERE IS CALL'N YOU OUT.
GIT THE WAX BULLETS.
WE'RE GUNNA ALL HEAD OUT TO THE RANGE FER A BIT O' LEG ROOM AND HAVE US A DUEL.
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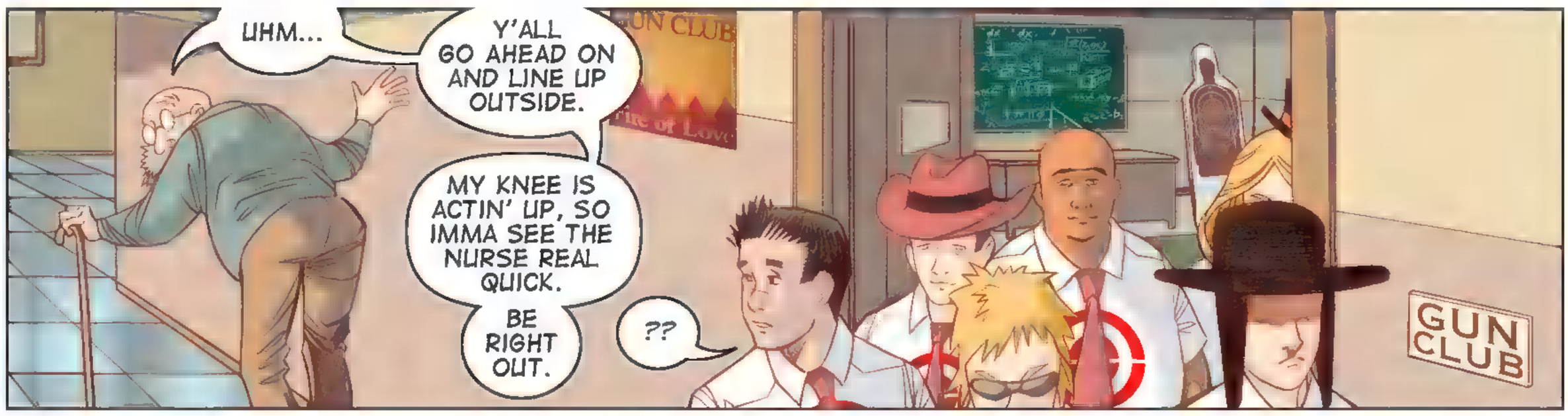
A DUEL?


UHM...
Y'ALL GO AHEAD ON AND LINE UP OUTSIDE.
MY KNEE IS ACTIN' UP, SO IMMA SEE THE NURSE REAL QUICK.
BE RIGHT OUT.
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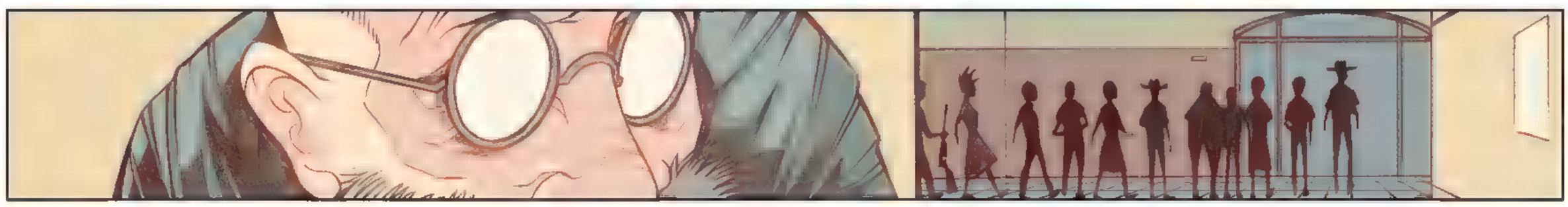
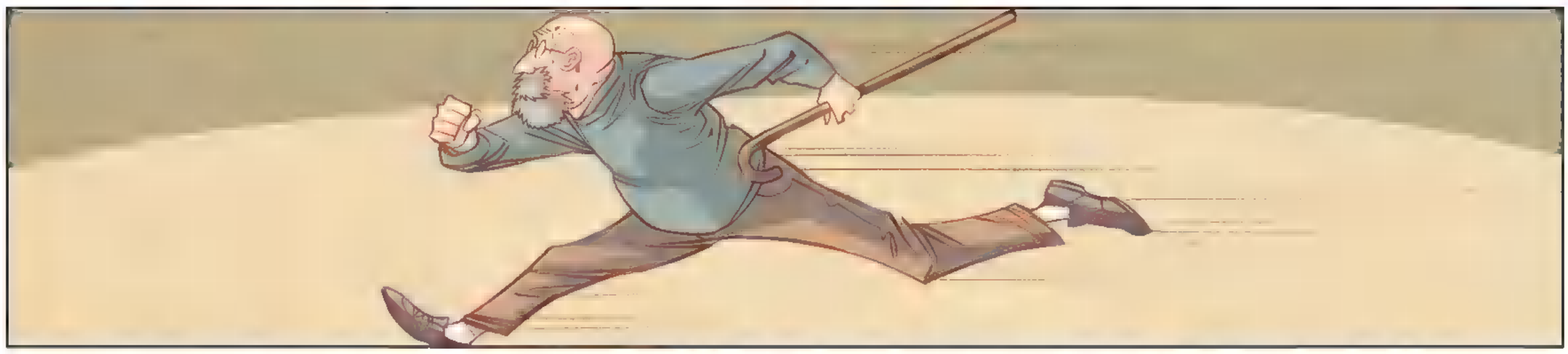
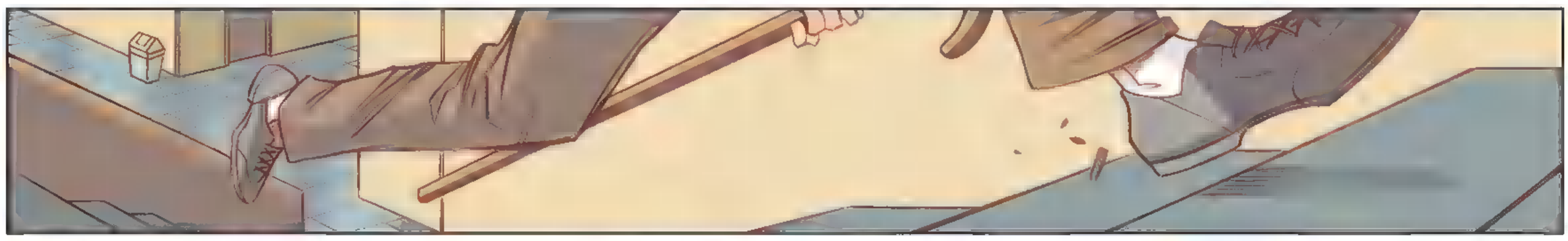
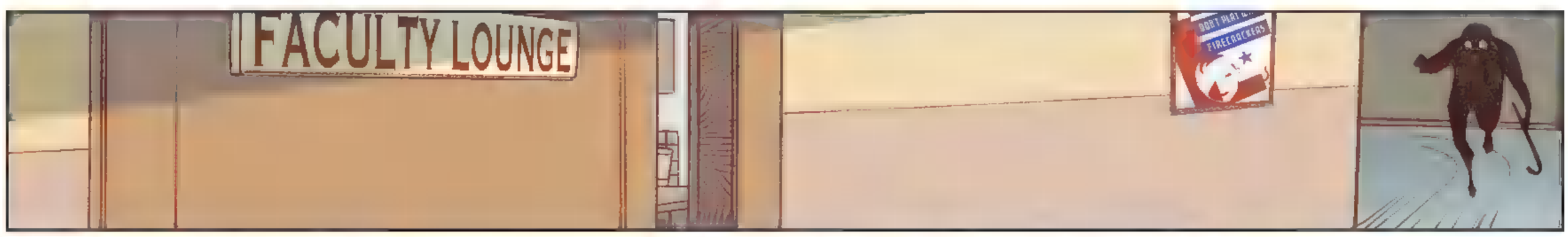
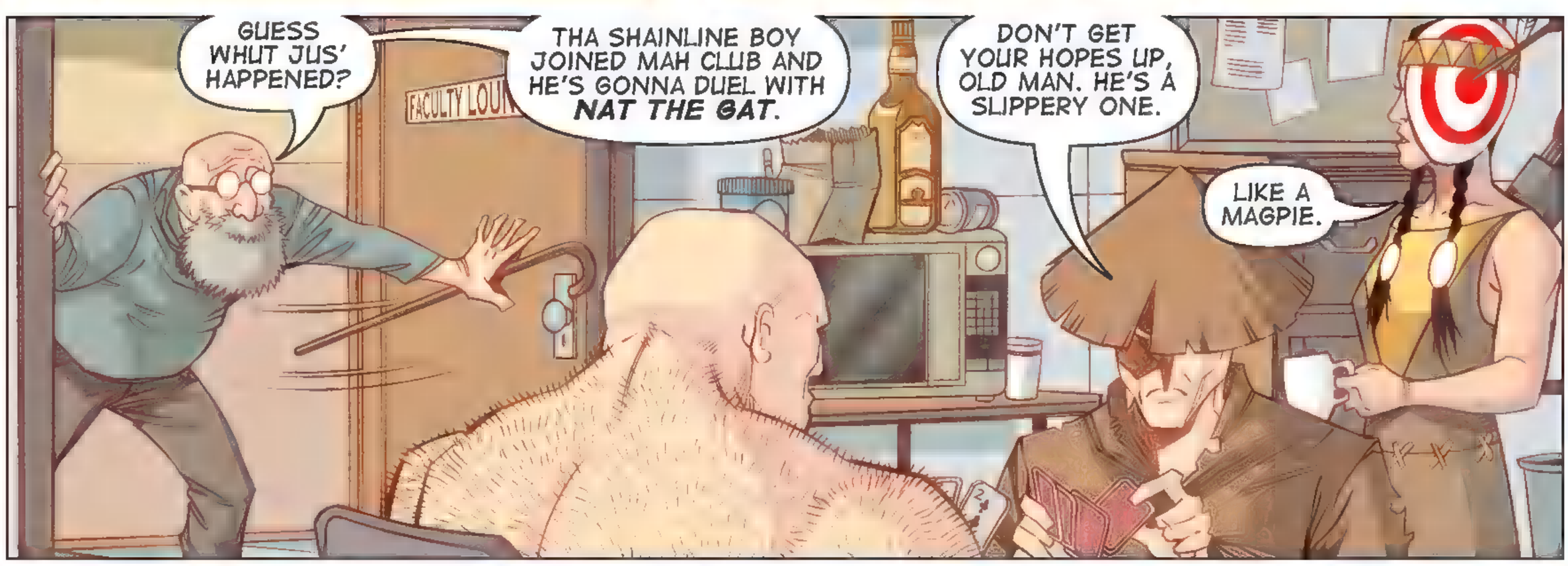
GUN CLUB

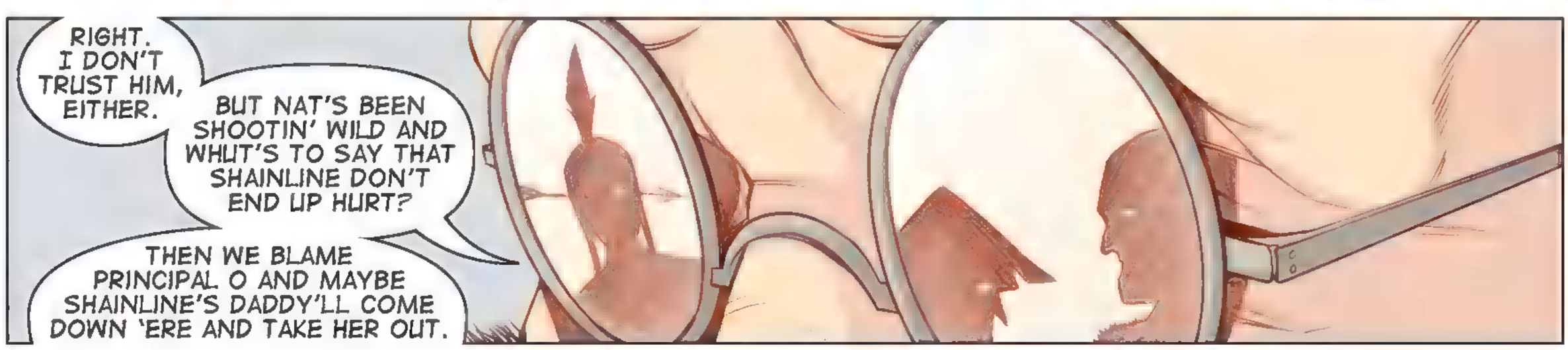


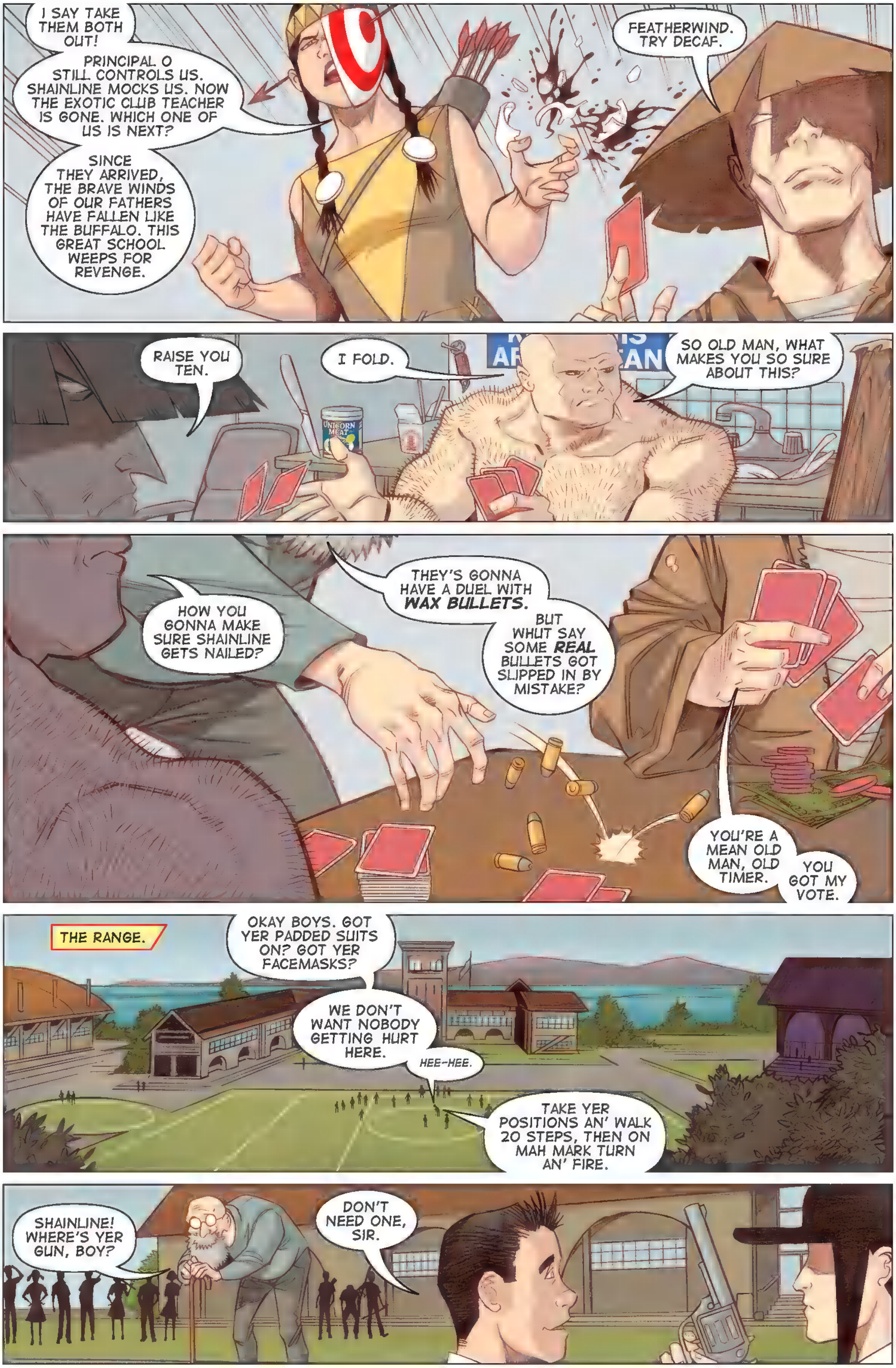


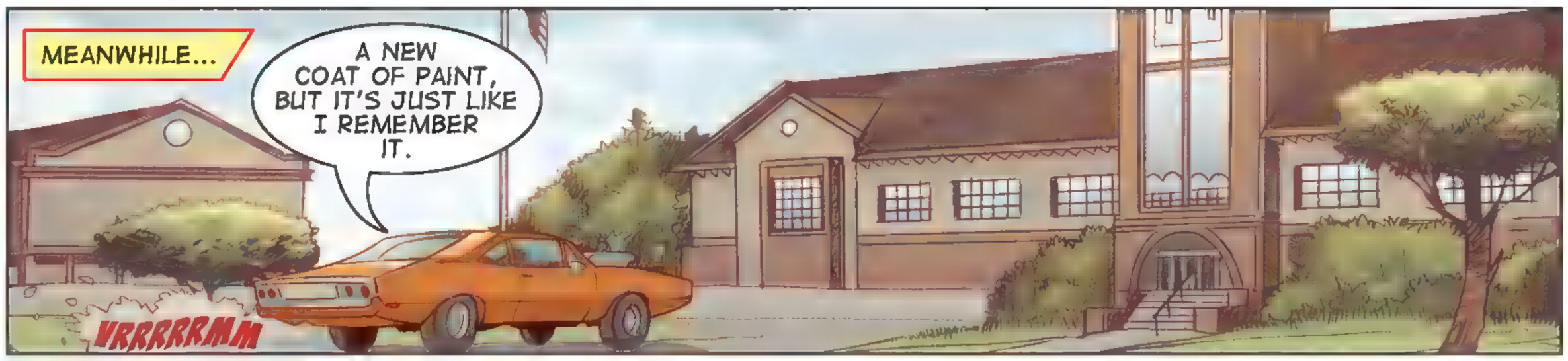



FACULTY LOUNGE
FIRECRACKERS


GUESS WHUT JUS' HAPPENED?
THA SHAINLINE BOY JOINED MAH CLUB AND HE'S GONNA DUEL WITH ***NAT THE GAT***.
DON'T GET YOUR HOPES UP, OLD MAN. HE'S A SLIPPERY ONE.
LIKE A MAGPIE.


RIGHT. I DON'T TRUST HIM, EITHER.
BUT NAT'S BEEN SHOOTIN' WILD AND WHUT'S TO SAY THAT SHAINLINE DON'T END UP HURT?
THEN WE BLAME PRINCIPAL O AND MAYBE SHAINLINE'S DADDY'LL COME DOWN 'ERE AND TAKE HER OUT.


I SAY TAKE THEM BOTH OUT!
PRINCIPAL O STILL CONTROLS US. SHAINLINE MOCKS US. NOW THE EXOTIC CLUB TEACHER IS GONE. WHICH ONE OF US IS NEXT?
SINCE THEY ARRIVED, THE BRAVE WINDS OF OUR FATHERS HAVE FALLEN LIKE THE BUFFALO. THIS GREAT SCHOOL WEEPS FOR REVENGE.
FEATHERWIND. TRY DECAF.
RAISE YOU TEN.
I FOLD.
SO OLD MAN, WHAT MAKES YOU SO SURE ABOUT THIS?
HOW YOU GONNA MAKE SURE SHAINLINE GETS NAILED?
THEY'S GONNA HAVE A DUEL WITH WAX BULLETS.
BUT WHUT SAY SOME REAL BULLETS GOT SLIPPED IN BY MISTAKE?
YOU'RE A MEAN OLD MAN, OLD TIMER.
YOU GOT MY VOTE.
THE RANGE.
OKAY BOYS. GOT YER PADDED SUITS ON? GOT YER FACEMASKS?
WE DON'T WANT NOBODY GETTING HURT HERE.
HEE-HEE.
TAKE YER POSITIONS AN' WALK 20 STEPS, THEN ON MAH MARK TURN AN' FIRE.
SHAINLINE! WHERE'S YER GUN, BOY?
DON'T NEED ONE, SIR.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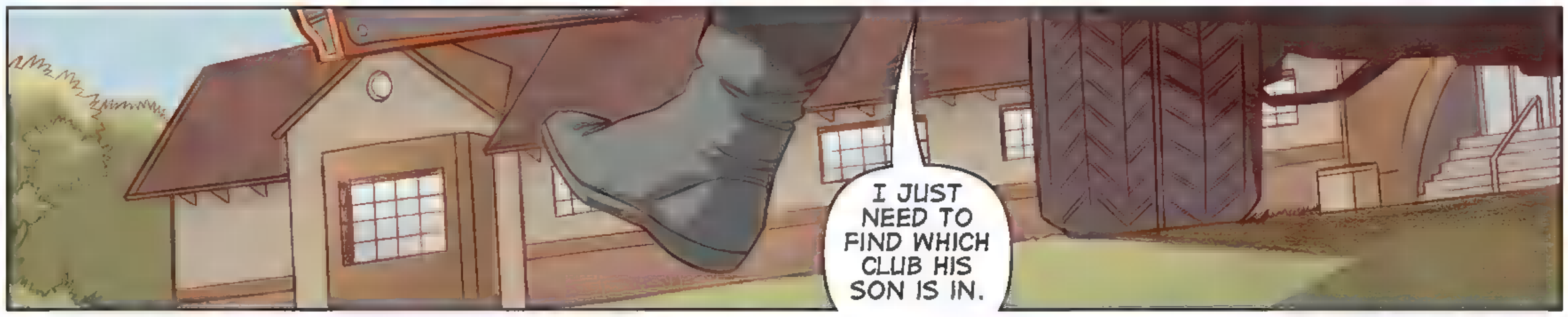
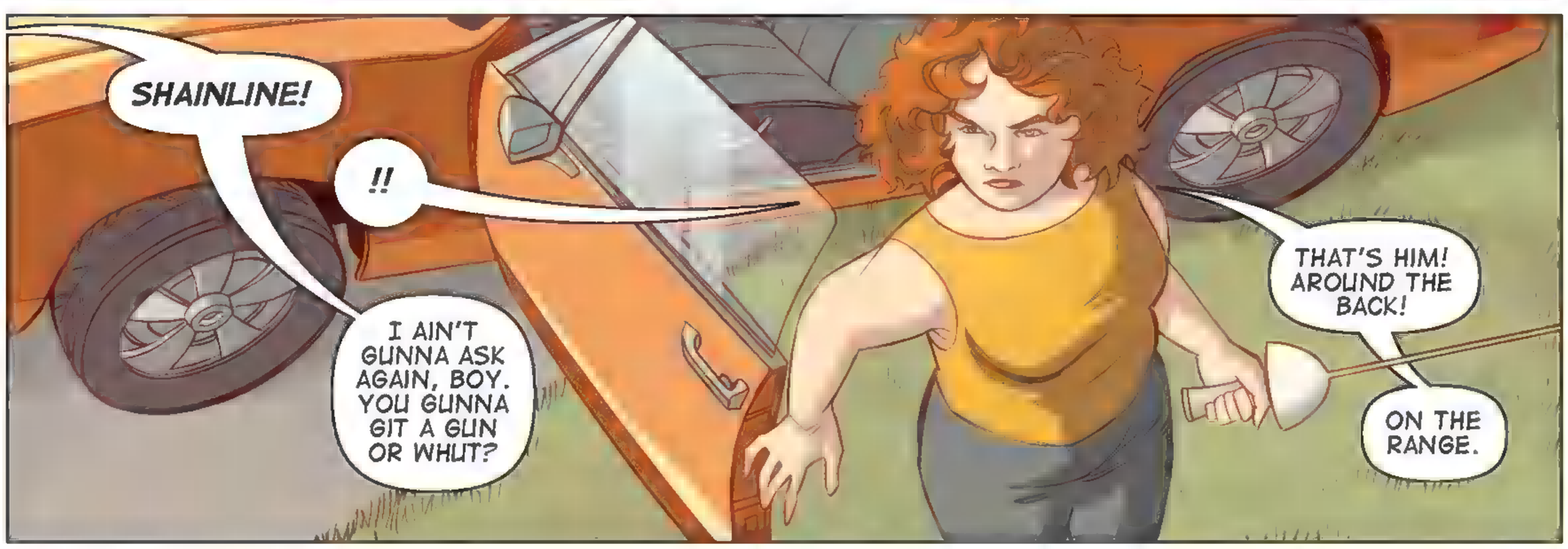

I JUST NEED TO FIND WHICH CLUB HIS SON IS IN.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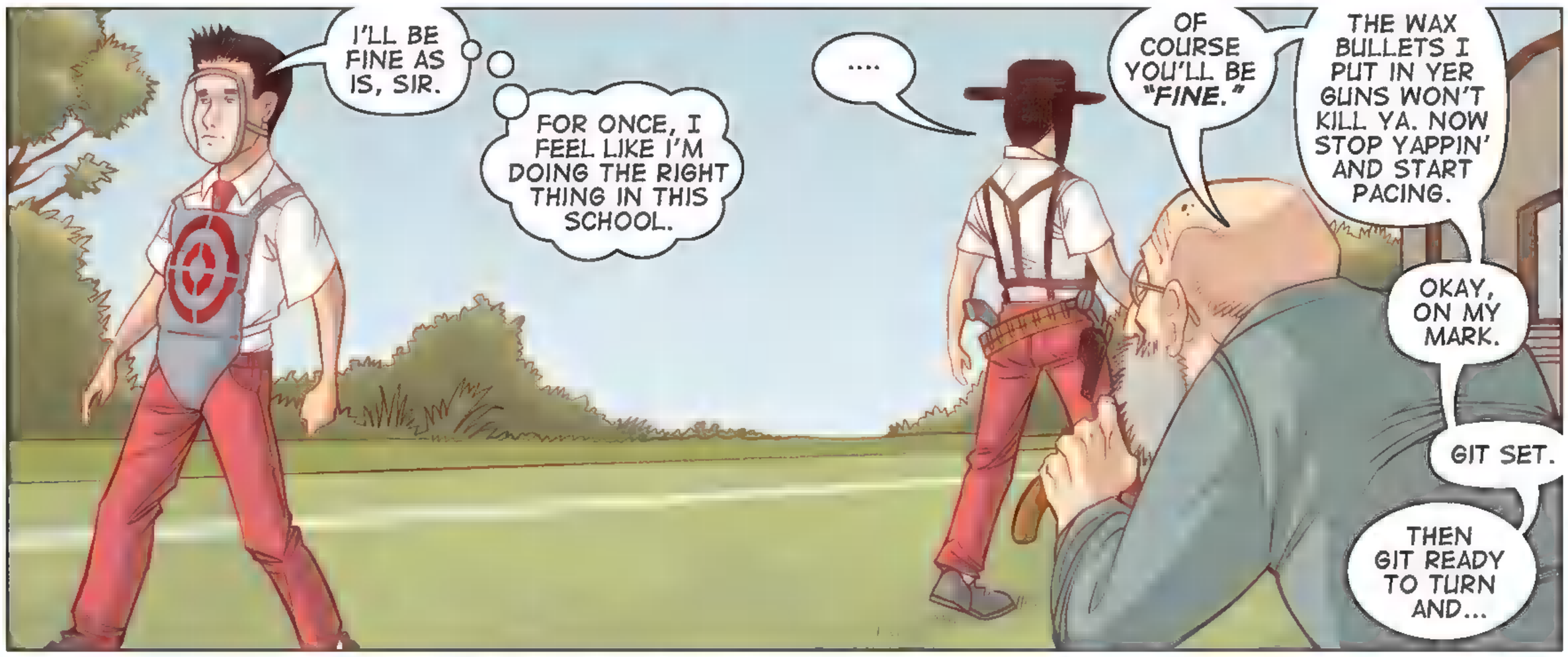
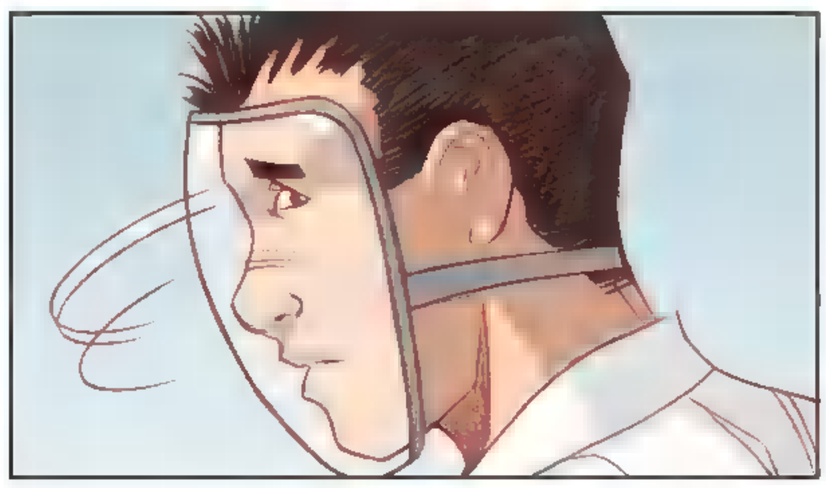
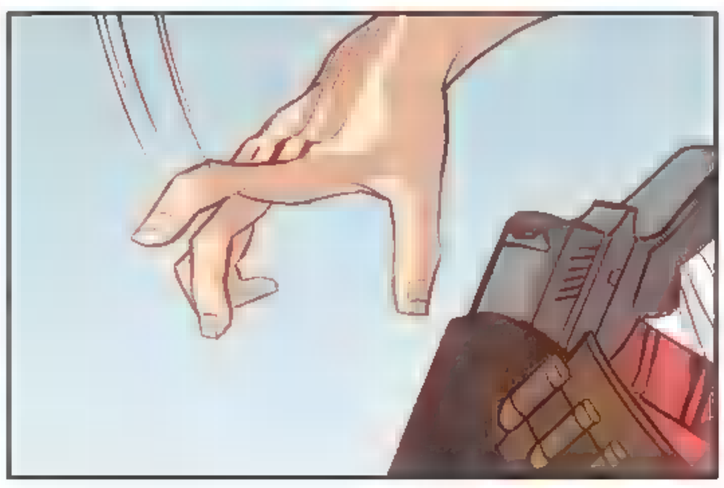
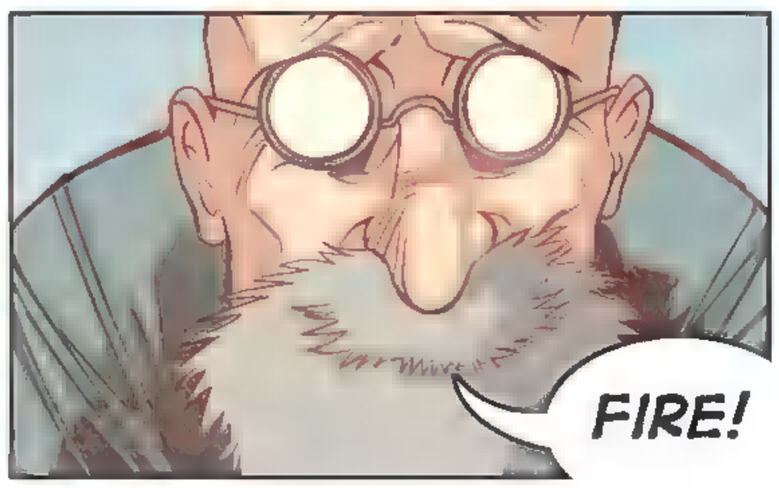
I AIN'T GUNNA ASK AGAIN, BOY. YOU GUNNA GIT A GUN OR WHUT?
THAT'S HIM! AROUND THE BACK!
ON THE RANGE.


I'LL BE FINE AS IS, SIR.
FOR ONCE, I FEEL LIKE I'M DOING THE RIGHT THING IN THIS SCHOOL.
....
OF COURSE YOU'LL BE "FINE."
THE WAX BULLETS I PUT IN YER GUNS WON'T KILL YA. NOW STOP YAPPIN' AND START PACING.
OKAY, ON MY MARK.
GIT SET.
THEN GIT READY TO TURN AND...

WHAT THE...?



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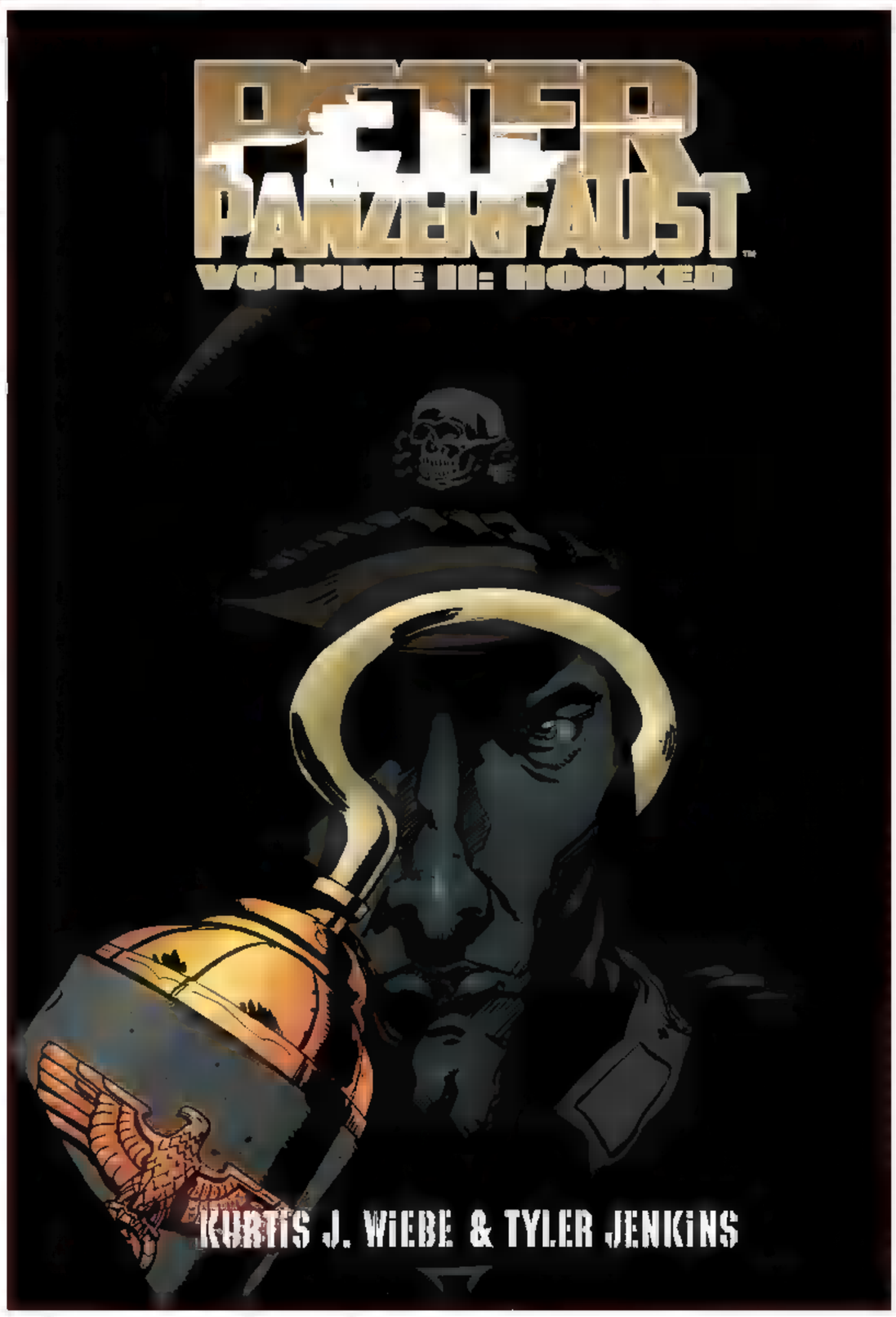

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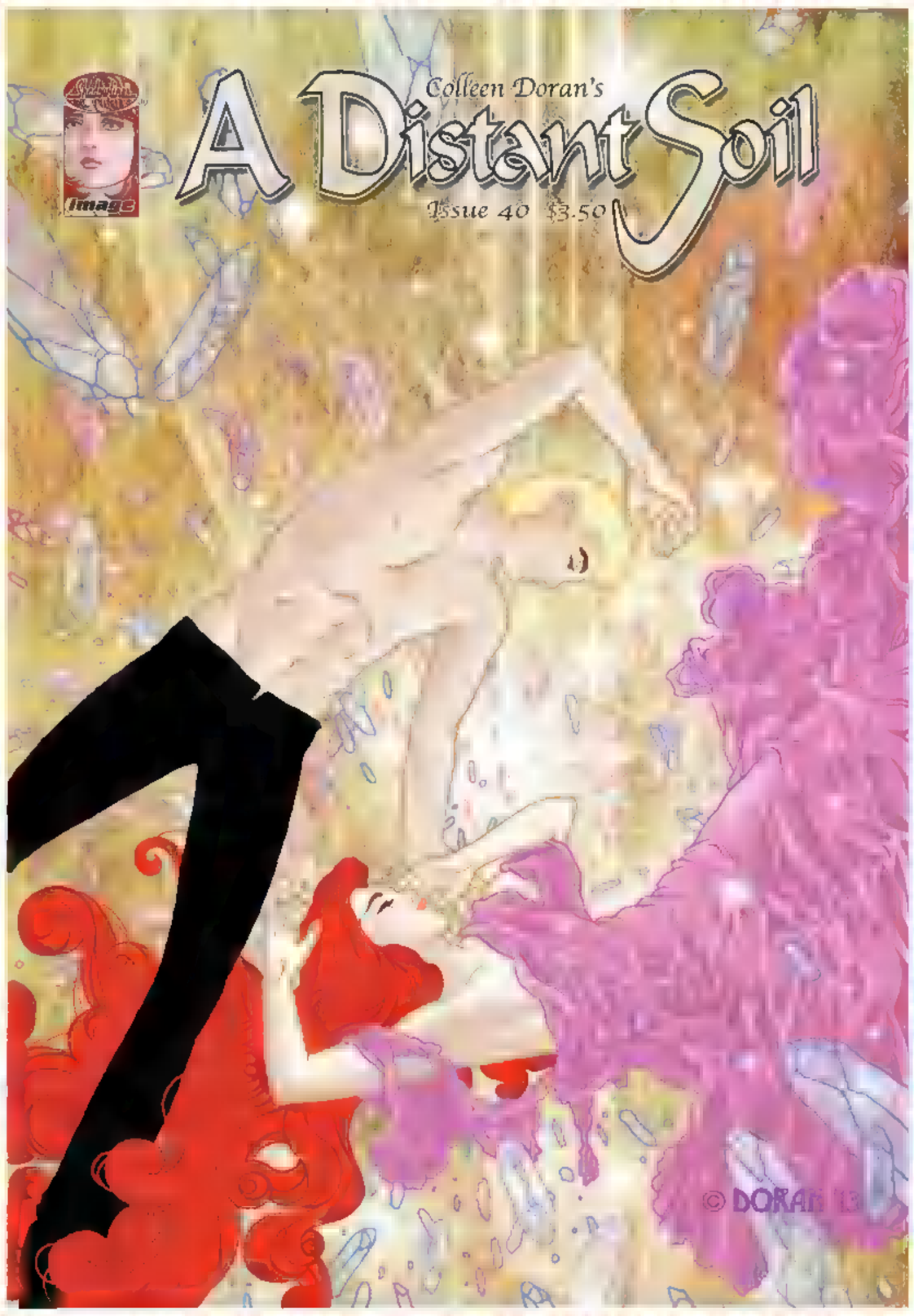

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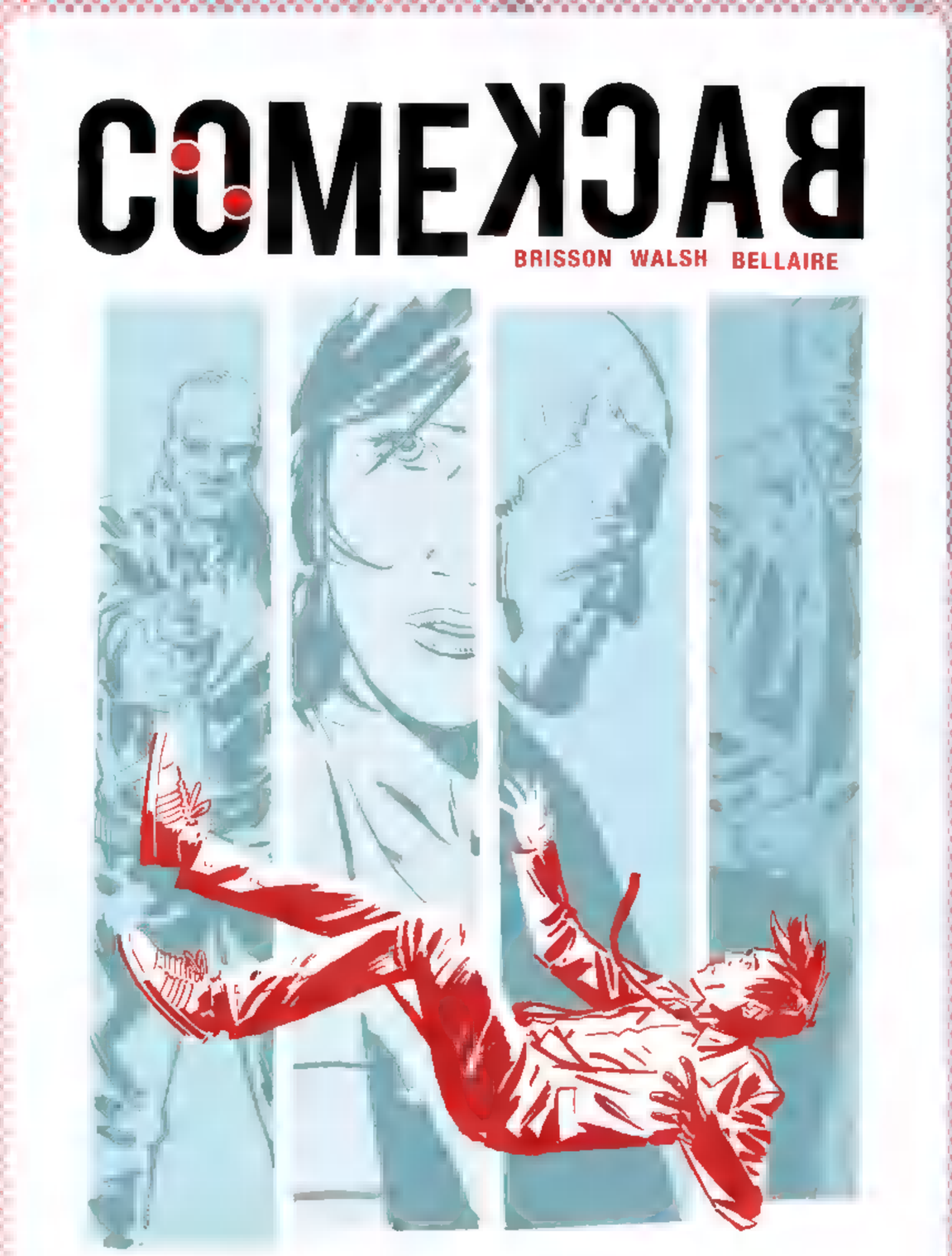

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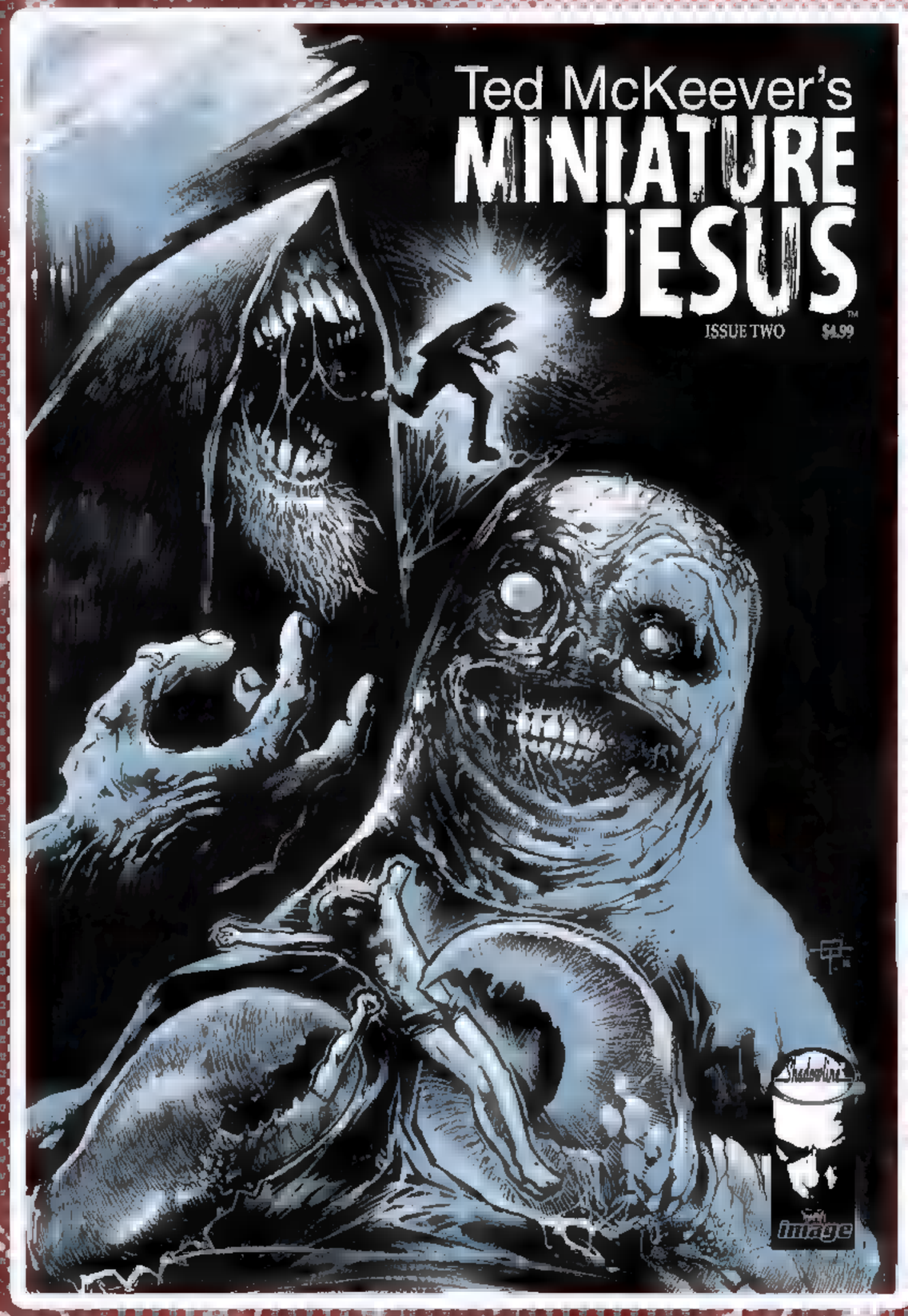

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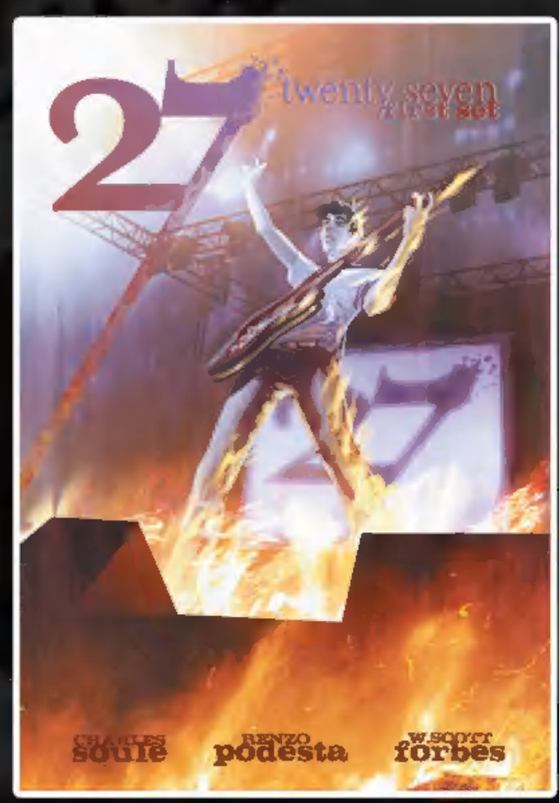

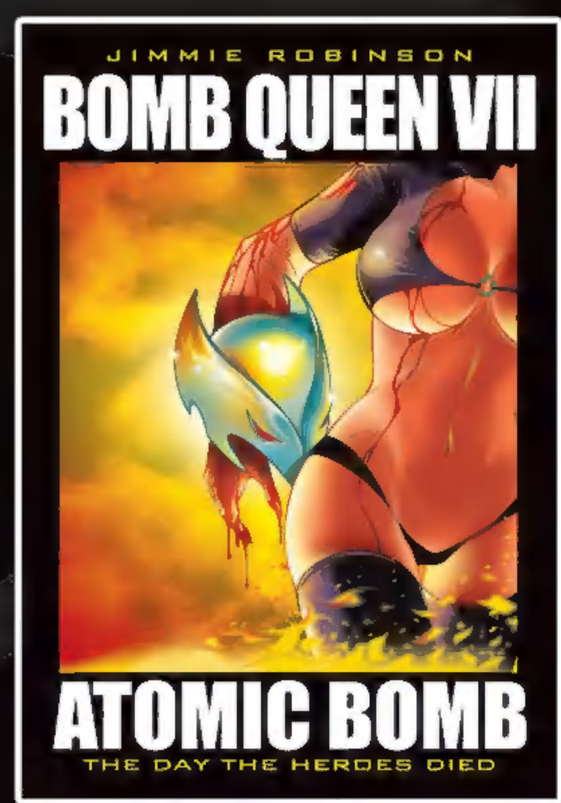

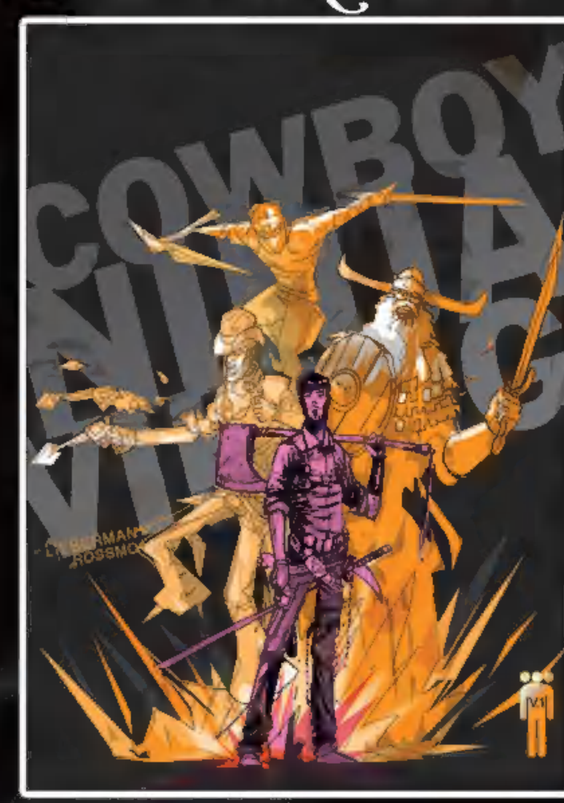

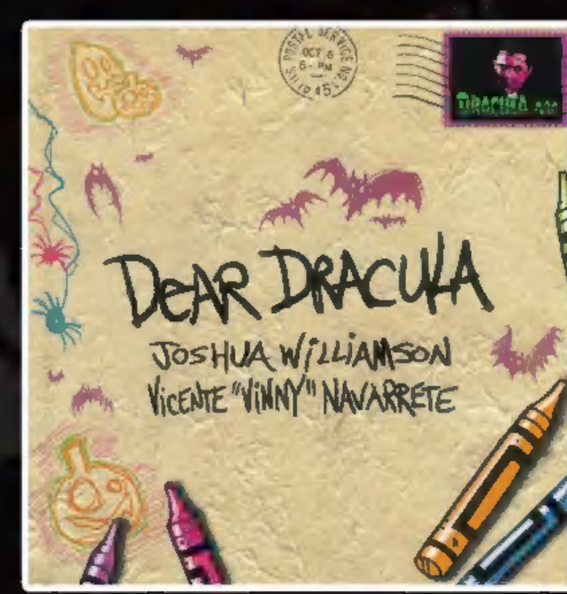

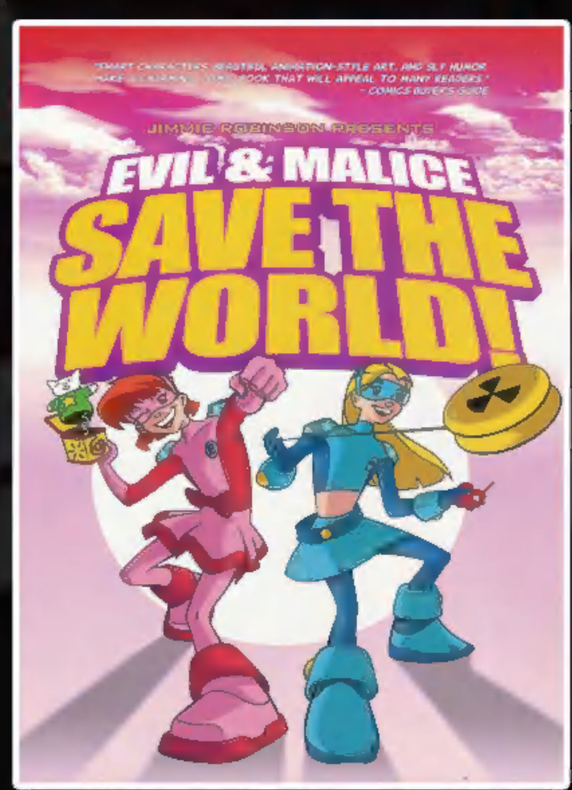

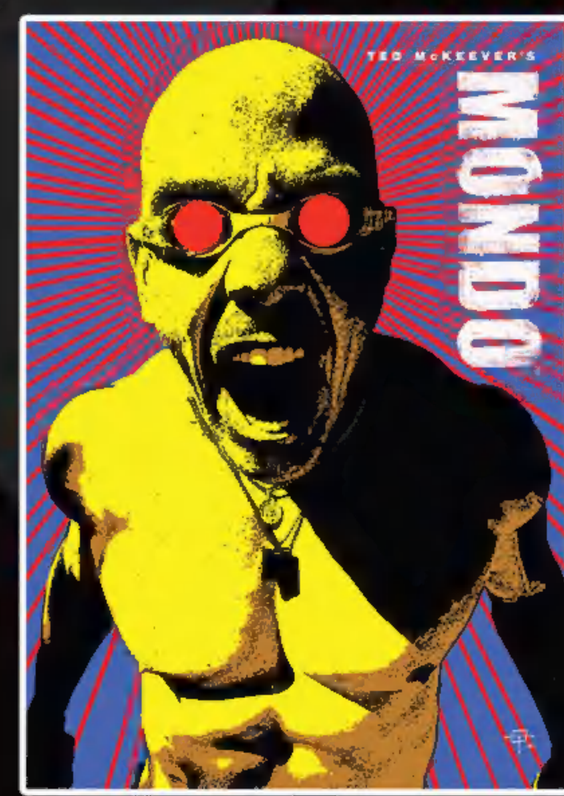

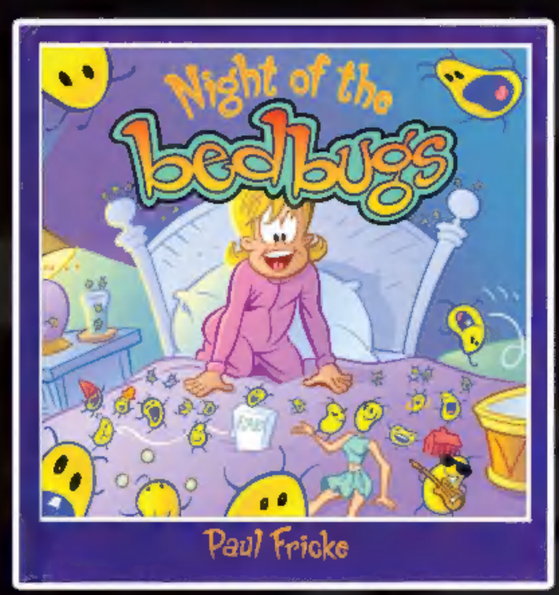

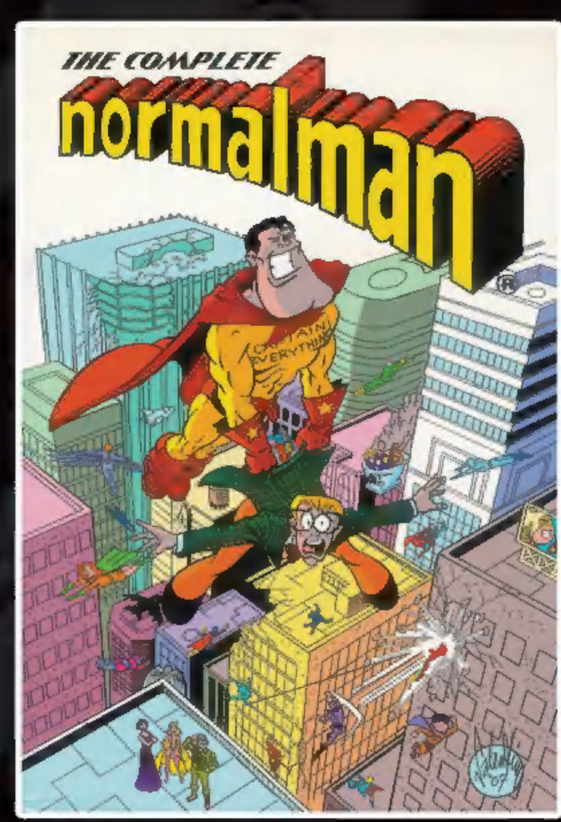

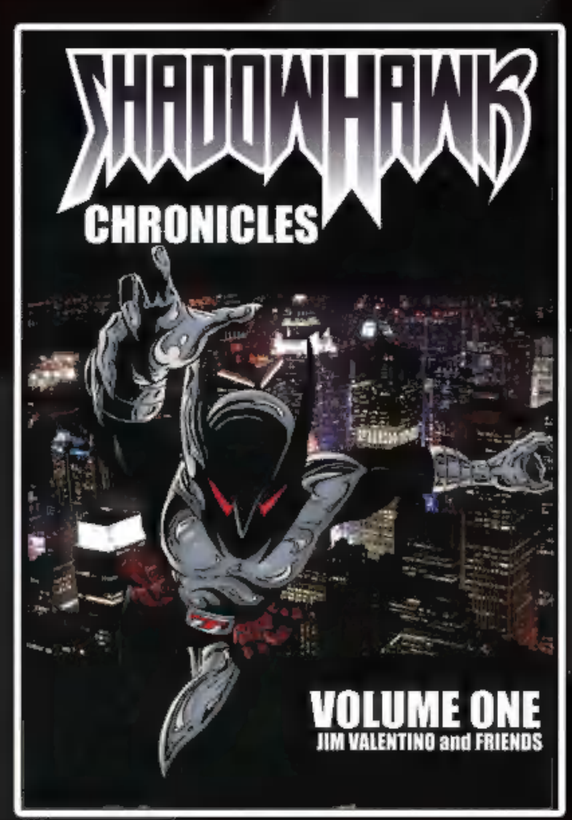

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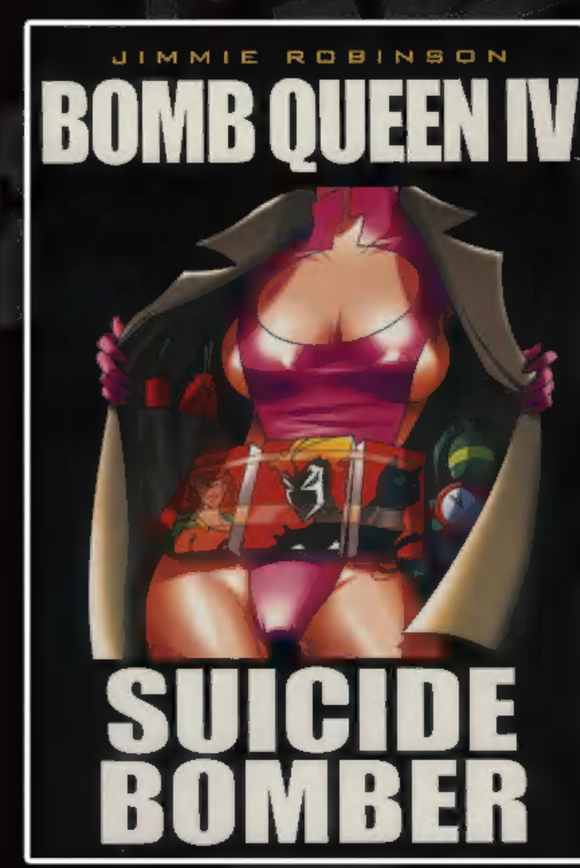

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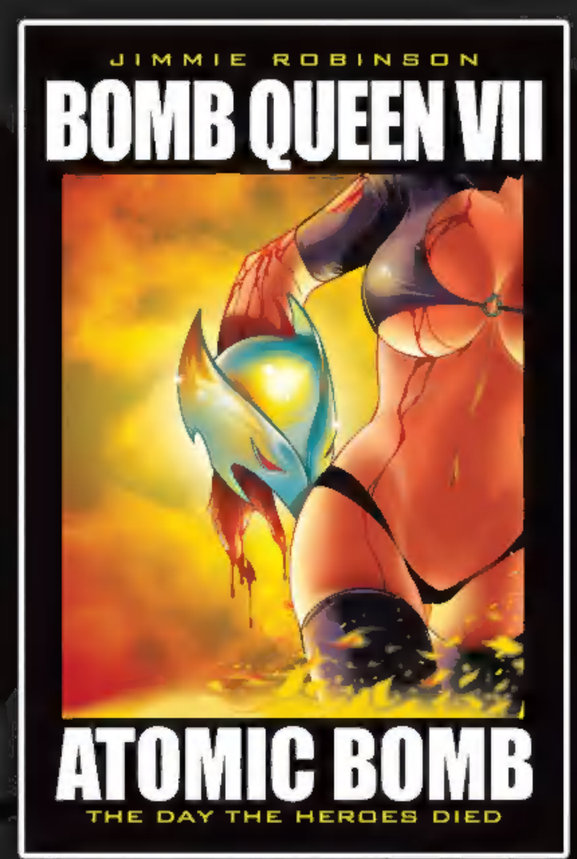

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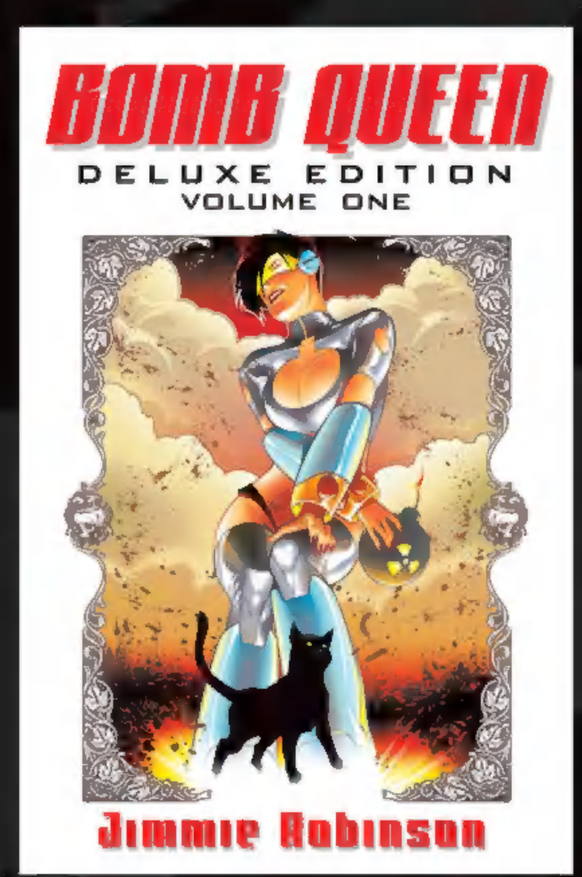

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